

SNAPSHOT EDUCATION



JUL '20- JUN '21

\$95,000 INVESTED ANNUALLY

GOAL: INCREASE KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT (KRA) SCORES

WHY LORAIN? WHEN WE STARTED:

88%

of Lorain kindergartners did not score as "ready" on the KRA

Rising Titans

Established: 2017

Grant Cycle: 2 (Year 4-6)

Service Area: City of Lorain



MISSION: Ensure all families have access to the tools needed for kindergarten readiness, home-care providers are integrated with formal early-learning centers, and new services are added that eliminate barriers and fill in gaps.

WHY KINDERGARTEN READINESS?

Kindergarten Readiness is a strong indicator of future success

- National research shows, every dollar invested in early education yields a 13X return on investment;
- When students are behind in Kindergarten, statistics show that they rarely catch up;
- In Lorain, 70% of kids in Kindergarten through 3rd grade do not meet established literacy standards.

WHERE WE WERE FY20

54%

of eligible families are enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (compared to 40% state-wide)

12

families engaged through monthly face-to-face playgroups

Plan to engage low- and non-rated childcare centers (Step Up to Quality - SUTQ) with **partner centers** for training and mentoring.

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED FY21

58%

of eligible families are enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (compared to 40% state-wide)

108

families engaged through monthly literacy kits delivered by volunteers and interns from **UWGLC and Neighborhood Alliance**

Funded professional development and training for 1 new non-rated center to become SUTQ rated

WHERE WE'RE GOING FY22



Re-open and expand in-person playgroups, with teachers from **Horizon Education Centers** to facilitate, increasing engagement with families after the "digital overload" of COVID-19 virtual learning

Support the progress of a newly added childcare center as they work to become SUTQ rated, with the goal of expanding support to additional centers.