



## Education Programs

Laying the foundation for future success with a strong start in school.

### EDUCATION THE UNITED WAY:

- We partner with schools, early care centers, teachers and parents to create more early learning opportunities, distribute resources and promote collaboration.
- We focus on early learning and literacy skills, because the earlier a child starts to succeed, the more likely they are to continue to succeed.

### OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

- **Books for Babies**  
Provides resources to parents for reading to their newborn.
- **Kindergarten Transition**  
Collaborative community teams plan activities and events that help pre-k students start kindergarten confident and ready to learn.
- **Pre-K Vision Screening**  
Volunteers screen students for vision issues that could impair early learning.
- **Raising Readers**  
Book clubs that teach best practices for reading to a child.
- **Educational Improvement Tax Credit**  
Corporate donation program funds pre-k scholarships for local families and more.

### LEARN MORE:

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### MEASURABLE IMPACT: 2018-2019



1,990

families received Books for Babies care packages at local hospitals.



3,440

students attended or were involved in kindergarten transition activities.



2,362

Pre-k students screened for vision issues.



74

families completed Raising Readers book club sessions.



\$42,798

awarded in pre-k scholarships to 28 local families.