

# What you should know about School Readiness



EARLY CHILDHOOD  
RESOURCE CENTER



## Just the Facts ★ Kindergarten Success

**School readiness is a game changer!** Researchers agree: when a child starts kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed, outcomes are much more positive. **Here are just some of the research-backed conclusions about the effects of school readiness on children's success:**

- When a child enters kindergarten ready for school, there's an 82% chance that the child will master basic skills by age 11, compared with a 45% chance if the child isn't ready for school.<sup>2</sup>
- Family engagement is linked to children's success in kindergarten and beyond.<sup>3</sup>
- Children with parents who are engaged in their learning are more likely to have higher grades, attend school regularly, have better social skills, and graduate.<sup>4</sup>
- Up to 70 percent of kindergarteners who struggle with reading will still be poor readers at the end of third grade.<sup>5</sup>
- When families have more books at home, kindergartners start school with higher reading scores.<sup>6</sup>
- Many children enter kindergarten with readiness challenges that might have been diminished or eliminated with early identification and attention to child and family needs. Early intervention increases readiness.<sup>7</sup>
- Children whose learning difficulties are addressed early are more likely to graduate from high school, hold jobs, and live independently.<sup>8</sup>
- Programs that engage parents and promote home learning activities enhance readiness in ways that foster thinking skills, motivation, self-regulation, and social competence.<sup>9</sup>



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**The conclusion is clear: if you want to make a powerful long-term investment in children and families (and entire communities), focus on school readiness—and positive outcomes will follow.**

# We're the school readiness specialists.



## The SPARK program helps parents and children get ready for school together.

- **We focus on parents.** SPARK equips parents with the strategies, supplies, and resources they need to help their children be ready for school. Participation is voluntary and free for families.
- **We address a child's challenges early.** When a child has challenges that might prevent school readiness, SPARK's multidisciplinary team of experts makes a plan to address them long before school begins.
- **We get results.** Every year, an independent evaluation team analyzes program outcomes. Year after year, SPARK children significantly outscore their non-participating peers on Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. The SPARK advantage means SPARK kids start school ready and excited to succeed.

### The SPARK Recipe for Readiness

Engaged Parents

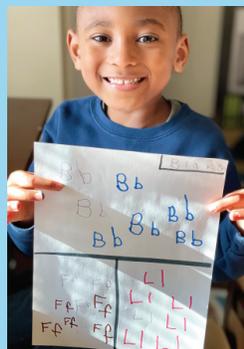
Books, Activity Kits, & Supplies

Caring, Skilled Home Visitors

Individualized Learning Plans

Early Access to Interventions

Help With Meeting Family Needs



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