



Start Young

KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND

Serving at-risk children from birth to age 5 in Wyandotte County

Start Young is led by The Family Conservancy and funded through Kansas Communities Aligned in Early Development and Education (CAEDE)*. Start Young assists child care providers in increasing the number of children served in Wyandotte County by offering material and furnishings grants for new classrooms. Families are supported through child care subsidy advocates who assist families in completing the state child care subsidy application and in applying for supplemental tuition assistance scholarships through Start Young. The program also brings quality systems support to providers through multiple quality initiatives in classrooms and educational incentives for child care providers.



POPULATION	SERVED
Total Children	410
Prenatal to Age 2	145
Ages 2-5	265
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	335
Professional Development	80

PARTNERS

- Child Care Aware of Kansas
- Juniper Gardens Children's Project
- Mid-America Regional Council
- United Way of Wyandotte County
- Wyandotte Economic Development Council

*CAEDE requires The Family Conservancy raise an additional \$1 million each year from the private sector

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM'S IMPACT?

- Increases the financial feasibility of high-quality child care by assisting families with subsidy applications and providing supplemental scholarships
- Raises the quality of early learning environments through ongoing measurement, access to quality initiatives, and professional development
- Supports the development and retention of early childhood educators through salary supplements and incentives to obtain their Child Development Associate credential, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree

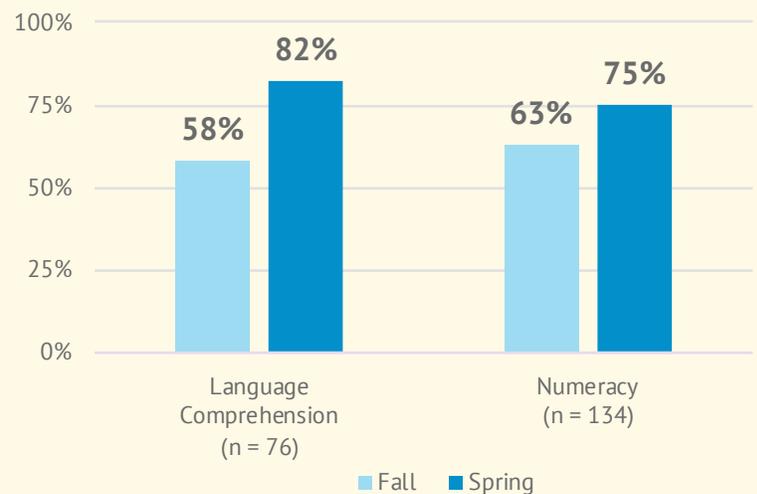
HOW DOES THE PROGRAM MONITOR AND ENSURE QUALITY?

- Uses the Early Learning Program Profile, a local quality assessment tool, to identify classroom strengths and needs, and create individualized service plans
- Provides educators with specialized training to enhance literacy activities and teacher-child interactions in their classrooms
- Uses standardized assessment tools to monitor the development of children in each classroom and identify areas of strength and areas in need of growth
- Supports educators by providing coaching and early childhood mental health consultants

The Start Young Program is in its first year and will continue to grow and measure program outcomes in the future.

- 14** Child care centers work with Start Young
- 52** Families received assistance from child care subsidy advocates
- 24** Educators worked toward a Child Development Associate credential
- 71** Educators trained to monitor developmental progress
- 96%** Educators retained who were eligible for salary supplement

Percent of pre-K children with scores indicating they are developmentally on track with their language and numeracy skills as measured by myIGDI*



Children in Start Young classrooms increased their language and numeracy skills throughout the year: by the spring semester, 82% were on track with their language skills and 75% were on track with numeracy skills

*The myIGDI (myIndividual Growth and Development Indicators) are standardized assessments that measure children's numeracy and literacy abilities