

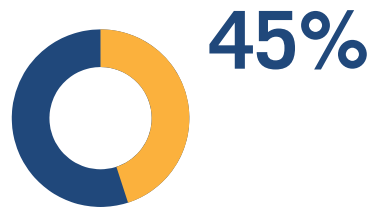
Investing in Education



Investing in early education initiatives can transform our community in a single generation. United Way builds the resources necessary for parents, teachers, caregivers, and partner organizations to meet the needs of our children.

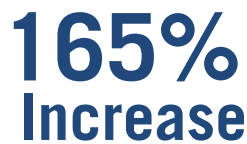
Successful Learning Environments

116 childcare programs enrolled in a standardized quality rating and improvement system to ensure the creation of successful learning environments - an increase of:



Families are Stable and Attached

Access to medical care are essential to healthy development. 2,100 children in Lane County under the age of three received a developmental screening. A growth of:



Parenting Education

Parents are their children's first and most important teachers. We provide parents with the tools and resources necessary to ensure their children's optimal development. **634** parents participated in parenting education courses - an increase of:



KITS - Kids In Transition to School

The KITS Program is a school readiness intervention developed at the Oregon Social Learning Center (OSCL). The program is designed to provide boosts to children's literacy, self-regulation, and social skills just prior to kindergarten.

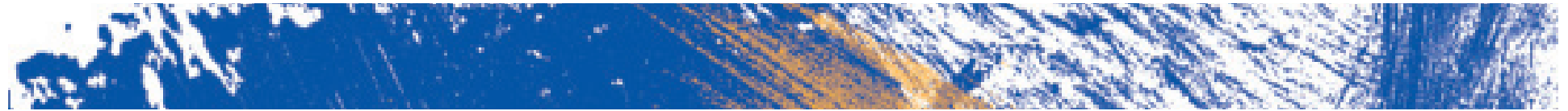
With funding from United Way of Lane County and OSCL, in partnership with the Bethel and Springfield School Districts in Oregon, the KITS program was offered to families in the Lane County Promise Neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are some of the most disadvantaged in the county in terms of income, education, and crime.

Preliminary results from this pilot study indicate that the children in the KITS Program showed gains in early literacy and self-regulation skills.

28% drop of children at risk for reading failure.

95% of parents said that KITS improved their abilities to increase their child's positive behaviors.





Accomplishing results in early education requires a strategy that will be both broad and deep. That is why we invest in the important work of our nonprofit partners and in the efforts of the Early Learning Alliance.

Funded Partner Programs

Parenting Now!

Funded Program: MPAP/F3Y Parenting Groups, Parent HelpLine

Downtown Languages

Funded Program: Pilas! Family Literacy Program

LCC Foundation

Funded Program: The Family Connections 3C's

Oregon Developments, Inc.

Funded Program: KITS in the Promise Neighborhoods

Pearl Buck Center

Funded Program: Preschool Program

Willamalane

Funded Program: Promise Neighborhood Programs

ARC of Lane County

Funded Program: Respite Care

Christians as Family Advocates

Funded Program: Safety for Families and Children

Relief Nursery

Funded Program: Therapeutic Early Child Program

Direction Services

Funded Program: Case Management - People with Disabilities

Lane County Dept of Children & Families

Funded Program: Family Resource Centers

Pearl Buck Center

Funded Program: Preschool Specialized Parenting Support

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