



A CITY-LED EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE

Read Ready is a comprehensive, city-driven early learning initiative designed to measurably improve Kindergarten readiness across Northern Kentucky's River Cities. Anchored in Kentucky's kindergarten readiness data, Read Ready establishes a prenatal-to-age-5 continuum connecting prenatal care, family engagement, childcare, and preschool to ensure every child enters kindergarten ready to thrive. Currently, less than half of Kentucky's children are ready for kindergarten—a number Read Ready seeks to raise substantially through city-led, data-aligned strategies.



VISION AND FOCUS



Kindergarten readiness serves as the marquee indicator of community vitality and long-term learning success. Read Ready promotes data-aligned, results-driven action linking home, early learning settings, and public systems through shared readiness dashboards, quarterly progress reviews, and cross-sector data alignment across education, health, and family engagement agencies.

FAMILY POWER



Families are a child's first and most important teachers. Read Ready equips parents, caregivers, and home-based childcare providers with quality tools, peer support networks, parent ambassador trainings, and digital tools (Footsteps2Brilliance) to strengthen learning at home.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Read Ready unites city governments, schools, early childhood organizations, libraries, hospitals and nonprofits—including Early Head Start, Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission, Brighton Center, EC LEARN, and Learning Grove—under a shared vision. Through city-specific Early Learning Action Teams, partners identify assets, address service gaps, and track outcomes using ASQ, DPIL, and Footsteps2Brilliance data systems.



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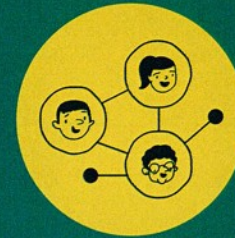
START STRONG: FAMILY BONDING

Focuses on early attachment, positive parenting, and home literacy.



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Expands access to high quality and coordinated early learning experiences.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Builds cross-sector collaboration through six active city readiness teams with quarterly progress meetings.

BY AUGUST 2026, READ READY AIMS TO:

GOAL	MEASUREMENT	SOURCE
Increase Kindergarten Readiness	+XX% per city	K Screen Data (2024-2026)
Expand Family Engagement	≥XX new families per city engaged monthly	Participation logs
Build Family Leadership	≥XX trained parent ambassadors	Completion certificates
Increase Developmental Screening	+XX ASQ-3/ASQ-SE completions per city	Help Me Grow / KEIS
Boost Digital Literacy Participation	+XX active Footsteps2Brilliance users enrolled	App usage dashboard
Grow Early Literacy Access	+XX% Dolly Parton Imagination Library enrollment	DPIL monthly reports