

## SUCCESS BY 6 IMPACT

“We often do the Mother Goose songs at home. However, we were standing in a long line awaiting our turn, when Rachel starting singing and clapping on her own to Mother Goose songs that you had presented at the story time at the library. It helped pass the time, and I was pleasantly surprised that she recalled the songs and kept herself occupied and happy.” - “Sally”, mother to a 3-year-old



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Success By 6<sup>®</sup> is a United Way of the Wabash Valley initiative designed to provide every child with the opportunity to develop basic reading skills so that they may enter kindergarten ready to learn. It is essential that our community recognizes that learning begins at birth and the foundations for learning are established during the developmental years of birth to 6.

## THE PROBLEM:



**Less than 25%** of local enrolled children are in a high quality childcare or early childhood education program. (Indiana ELAC)

An estimated **half of Hoosier children** arrive in kindergarten lacking basic academic and behavioral

skills. Research shows that high quality early childhood, preschool, and school-age programs prepare children for future success in school, work, and life.



## SUCCESS BY 6<sup>®</sup> SOLUTIONS:

### Family Literacy Mini-Grants

An annual grant that funds early childhood educators and child care providers to conduct literacy events that nurture a love for reading and learning in young children (0-5) and their families. A key element in these grants is family involvement, to encourage increased literacy activities within the home.

### Professional Development Grants

An open grant program that funds child-care providers and early education professionals that work with children ages 0-6 to attend continuing education programs.

### ReadUNITED!

A program, formally Real Men Read, that brings adult mentors into kindergarten, preschool and child care facilities in the 6-county service area to read to students once a month for five months. Each child receives a copy of the book to take home, resulting in five new books in their home library. The program encourages the student's literacy skills and joy of reading, provides mentoring opportunities for adults with students, and gives students extra attention and positive role models who value education.

### Mother Goose on the Loose

In partnership with the Vigo County Public Library, this early literacy program is for children age 3 months to 5-years to help pre-reading children prepare for reading. It incorporates music, movement, nursery rhymes, book reading and much more in a fun-filled thirty-minute session for children with focus on the parent or caregiver to continue pre-reading skills at home.

### Kindergarten Countdown

A free two-week summer school camp designed to prepare children with little-to-no preschool for their new roles as kindergarten students. These camps are led by licensed kindergarten teachers, and offered in schools that demonstrate a population in economic need.

### Book Box

These boxes provide easy access to books for children, birth to 5-years old, via a borrowing system at participating child-care and preschool sites. This allows parents to take a book home when they pick up their children. Reading to their children promotes early childhood literacy.

### Community Outreach

Marketing and communications to educate the community on the importance of early childhood education and reading to children.