



Quarterly Highlights | July 2016

Thank you for your generous support of the 2016-17 Preschool Promise Demonstration.

We are immensely grateful for your commitment to helping realize the vision that all Montgomery County children will have the opportunity to attend at least one year of high quality, affordable preschool.

These are among the accomplishments that were made in recent weeks and months:

- We've secured \$2.45 million of the \$2.7 million required to support the Demonstration.
- Our 25-person Preschool Advisory Board is in place. The board is co-chaired by Montgomery County Commissioner Debbie Lieberman and Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley.
- We established eligibility requirements, parent and provider expectations and created applications, tuition assistance tables, and all systems needed to begin enrollment.
- The contract with 4C for Children to process all parent and provider applications is complete.
- Created by Metrix IQ, of Denver, the enrollment database is established and will allow us to capture essential information needed for a robust longitudinal evaluation of the Preschool Promise.

How we're doing on the 3 pillars

EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY:

- We completed [production of this video](#), using two local videographers who are recent graduates of the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. We hope you'll watch and share it!
- A Preschool Promise Champions breakfast was held to spread the word among professionals who work directly with children and families. We shared information and materials about the Preschool Promise and the help families can receive. Representatives from the YWCA, CareSource, Montgomery County Public Health, our community health centers and the United Way attended.
- We've shared the Preschool Promise message with 40 organizations; trained 60 volunteers and speakers; and collected 2,100 pledges in support of the Preschool Promise.

EXPAND QUALITY:

- 20 providers from Northwest Dayton and Kettering attended orientation sessions to learn how they can become a part of the Preschool Promise. There's a "buzz" in the provider community about this important initiative.

ASSIST FAMILIES:

- Parent registration events were held in Kettering. Parents were thrilled to learn that tuition assistance is available to all families. We consistently heard, "I won't be eligible" and "I'm never eligible." **Word is spreading among families that tuition assistance is for all.** In one instance, a mother cried upon learning that she would be able to afford to send her daughter to a full-day, high quality Kettering City Schools preschool. She explained that her older son had not had that opportunity and that he's struggled academically because he started kindergarten so far behind.

Help us reach 6,500 pledges!

That's 1 pledge for each of the 6,500 Montgomery County children who start kindergarten every year

Current count: 2,100

