

BY OUR COMMUNITY, FOR OUR COMMUNITY

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING PROGRAMS

Pursed lips, careful concentration, a perfectly traced letter A and a moment of sheer joy.

Children involved in early childhood education programs experience an exciting range of learning opportunities—ones that benefit not just the child, but the entire community.

When kids can attend early learning programs, they are more likely to start kindergarten on track, learn important social emotional skills that will help them succeed in school and life, graduate high school and find fulfilling careers.



Early learning options help parents and caregivers raise healthy families and thrive in their own careers, too.

- Programs like the Parent Educator Academy, a collaboration between Edgecombe County Public Schools (ECPS) and The New Teacher Project (TNTP), offer parent literacy education to families.
- ECPS's Early Learning Academy, which integrates TNTP curriculum, helps parents and caregivers support their children in social-emotional development and build important parent communities, too.
- While children are involved with early learning programs, parents and caregivers are often empowered to focus on their own education and career advancement opportunities.



Investing in early childhood programs builds vibrant economies for local and state communities.

- Children who are involved with early learning are more likely to become leaders and strong contributors to local economies.
- Early learning programs lead to higher tax revenue, and, ultimately, less costly government spending on everything from grade repetition to unneeded criminal justice costs.



IS IT THE RIGHT TIME FOR YOUR DISTRICT TO CREATE AN EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM?

Start by asking yourself the following questions:

- ✓ What is your long-term vision for your district's growth? Does it include:
 - Improved reading scores?
 - Less grade repetition?
 - Every graduate landing their dream job?
- ✓ Has COVID-19 negatively impacted your youngest learners?
- ✓ Are your standardized test scores showing that your learners are starting kindergarten already behind?
- ✓ Do your goals include more of your district's students getting accepted to and completing college?
- ✓ Do you want to help every student in your district find their purpose and passion?

▶ If the answer is yes to most of these questions, then an early childhood learning program can help you accomplish your goals and ensure all students in your district are thriving.



Learn More and Start Your Early Learning Plan

When kids are ready for kindergarten, they are more likely to thrive for a lifetime—and when children succeed, the entire community wins. You can learn more about ECPS's early learning work, and how you can begin or partner in this work, by visiting tipnc.org/early-learning.

<https://www.impact.upenn.edu/early-childhood-toolkit/why-invest/what-is-the-return-on-investment/>

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/brain-architecture/>

