

# SUCCESSFUL YOUTH

## Year at a Glance: 2018-2019

**GOAL:** Increase graduation rate in the Roanoke Valley from 91% to 95%



**\$144,000**

invested in quality after school programming, intergenerational supports, and increased mental health services for youth



**527**

youth participated in the Strengthening Youth Opportunities for Success (SYOS) collaboration

### HEALTHY FAMILIES RAISE SUCCESSFUL YOUTH

A family whose children attend a local after school program lost the children's father. Through the grief and fear that the family felt as a result, they were able to use the network of the Strengthening Youth Opportunity for Success (SYOS) partnership to receive grief counseling and academic support for her children, emergency services supports to help the family get through the holidays, and additional financial support that enabled the family to remain in their home. The SYOS partners provided the family with a plan to maintain the mother's employment through the critical time and the collaborative was able to provide the family with support in many other aspects.

By maintaining stability throughout a family, from early learners to successful youth who graduate high school on time, we pave the way to healthy adults, reduced poverty rates, and help elevate families to self-sufficiency.

**100%** of students participating in the after school collaborative SYOS earned a high school degree or GED

**80** families engaged in 2-generation programs (children attend out-of-school-time programs, parents receive employment/education services)

**\$92,000** generated in additional grants to benefit youth and their families experiencing homelessness

All children enter kindergarten with the tools they need to learn

Increase 3rd grade reading level from 79% to 90%

Increase graduation rate from 91% to 95%

Reduce poverty rate from 13% to 9%

10,000 families to self-sufficiency by 2030

**67** parents participated in engagement and education activities that strengthen and support families

**240** students accessed mental health services

**260** families accessed food, rent assistance, employment supports, benefits, or legal assistance

**21** families representing 75 children and adults were enrolled Rehousing Youth for Success in Education (RYSE)