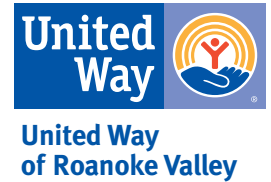


EARLY LEARNERS

Year at a Glance: 2018-2019



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



7,738

children accessed quality learning opportunities



\$1.1 Million

invested back into the community to support early learning efforts

THE EARLY YEARS ARE CRUCIAL.

By the time a child reaches kindergarten, 90% of their brain development has already occurred. By elementary school, a third grader who is not reading at grade level is at the greatest risk of dropping out of school later. And it's a fact that children who face greater adversity, such as living in poverty, are at higher risk for developmental delays.

That's why United Way of Roanoke Valley wants **every child** to have the same early education opportunities, **regardless of their socioeconomic background**.

Through United Way's partnership with the Virginia Quality network, children receive the foundation of skills they need to pave the way for increased graduation rates and reduced poverty rates. That's one way we can help elevate families to self-sufficiency.

1,518 early childhood professionals completed almost 2,000 training hours

2,006 children were screened for age-appropriate milestones

209 early childhood programs in the Roanoke region supported by VA Quality

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

341 families served by the Early Learner Collaborative (ELC)

163 families served by the ELC accessed additional services such as food, rent, and employment services

611 children and adults received preventative health care