

# 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

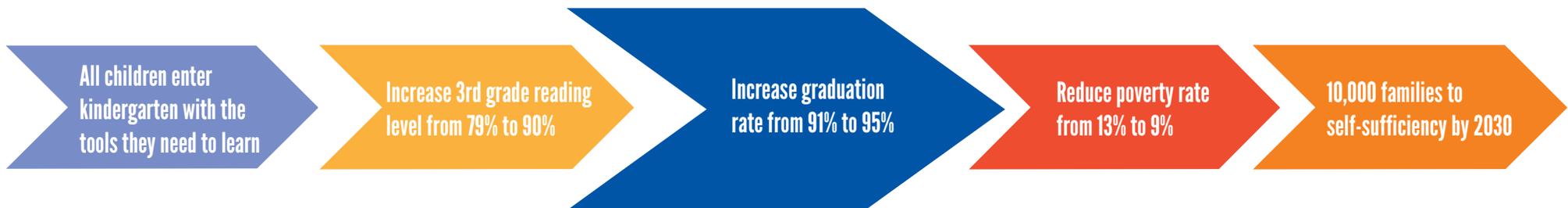
When two children who attend a local after-school program lost their father, the family was struck by grief and fear for what their future would hold. Through this difficult time, the family was able to use the vast network of services provided by the Strengthening Youth Opportunity for Success (SYOS) partnership. These services included grief counseling and academic support for the children, emergency services supports to get the family through the holidays, and additional financial support that enabled the family to remain in their home. The SYOS partners also provided the mother with a plan to maintain her employment through this critical time, and the collaborative provided the family with additional 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



**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)