

# EDUCATION

## Early Years

**GOAL: CHILDREN ARE READY TO LEARN BY THE START OF SCHOOL.**

**SUCCESS STORY:** Childcaring trainers offered a new training entitled Classrooms as the Root of Challenging Behavior. This training looks at ways to make changes in the classroom to promote quality improvement and reduce challenging behaviors. During the training, participants created goals in three main areas: having appropriate expectations for the children, allowing for developmental needs and being intentional about classroom management. Participants used the ideas in the training and from their peers to help accomplish their goals. In order to receive credit for the training, participants also needed to write a reflection about what they learned and the changes they observed in their classrooms. Some examples of changes the teachers made include: adding an area to throw soft materials, adding a water table to prevent children from playing in the sink, being responsive to individual children's needs, adding soft climbing materials, and un-cluttering the classroom. This training helped make quality improvements in their classrooms to better serve each child in their care.

**\$8,000**  
INVESTED IN  
PARTNER  
PROGRAMS  
IN 2022

### LOCAL RESULTS:



**6,961**

books were mailed to children in south Wood County through Women United and Dolly Parton Imagination Library in 2021.

over 20  
volunteers read to  
children at 8 Great Book  
Giveaway events  
in 2021.

**Volunteer Impact**



over

**450 Books**

were provided to more than 130 children during the Great Book Giveaway event in 2021.

### Outreach & Events

54 people received training on 13 different topics relating to child care and education in 2021.



**43**

local childcare providers received assistance to enhance their services improving the quality of care in our community in 2021.



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