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

LOCAL RESULTS:

7,326 books were mailed to 640 children in south Wood County through Women United and Dolly Parton Imagination Library in 2019.

20 Adults graduated from bornlearning® academies, and an additional 7 families attended at least one workshop in 2019 and 2020.

47 local childcare providers received assistance to enhance their services improving the quality of care in our community in 2019.

SUCCESS STORY:

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INSTRUCTOR from Mid-State Technical College reached out to Childcaring, Inc. with a desire to share information about the Credit for Prior Learning program with child care providers in our service delivery area. Childcaring, Inc. staff collaborated with the instructor to set up a time to share this information. She came to two early Saturday morning Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standard trainings in order to share information. At the training, the instructor shared information about Credit for Prior Learning and left paperwork and portfolio examples for the providers in the class. When she returned the second day of training, at least 5 individuals met with her privately to discuss their interest in the program. By partaking in Credit for Prior Learning, providers are able to get credit for job experience and knowledge in the field. The credits count towards an Associate’s Degree, which can in turn increase the providers Registry Level, and assist in providing higher quality care to children.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Children’s academic success at ages 9 and 10 can be attributed to the amount of talk they hear from birth through age 3.

80% of brain development occurs by the age of 3.

By age one, a child may not be able to say many words but can understand an average of 70 words.