

Invested in
your
family's
future.



A Guide to Family-Centered Preschool

Invest in Children

UPK



Our children can do anything they dream of. It's our job to give them the tools they need to succeed.

By choosing a high-quality Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) you are investing in your child's potential. You are investing in their hopes and dreams. You are investing in their future.

Congratulations!

The preschool you selected meets the highest quality standards in Cuyahoga County. You can be confident that your child will receive the very best early learning experiences and will have the foundation to thrive in kindergarten and beyond. You can also rest assured

that your family will receive the support it needs.

UPK is a team effort. And the partnership between our teachers, our staff and your family is essential. Together, we can set your child up for a lifetime of success.

Investing in Our Children Together.

UPK recognizes the vital role that caregivers play in a child's development and education. We want to support you every step of the way. As a UPK parent, you can expect:

- A strong partnership with UPK staff in support of your child's education
- To have frequent communication with our staff
- To learn about activities and resources that will help prepare your child and your family for success



Investing in Your Family Beyond the Classroom.

We are committed to your entire family's success. Which is why we offer a number of special services to support both your child and you.

Resources to Help Your Family Thrive

We offer a variety of support services for your family. This information can be found in the UPK Parent Resource Center at this site. If the resource your family needs is not available in the Resource Center, please ask the site administrator where to get more information.

Support for UPK Caregivers

We're committed to helping you achieve your personal and family goals. We will send you valuable information about educational and employment opportunities. And count on us to offer personalized support to help guide you on your pathway to success!

Action Team for Partnerships (ATP)

Each UPK site is a member of the National Network of Partnership Schools, an evidence-based family engagement program. UPK has won six awards for innovative family engagement practices. Through the Action Team for Partnership, parents, staff and community members meet regularly to create and plan family engagement goals and activities for the year that will benefit your family and your child.

UPK Parent Advisory Committee

A leadership group of UPK caregivers across Cuyahoga County partner with UPK staff members to support a stronger, family-centered, UPK community.

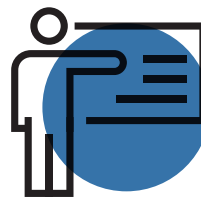
Investing in What Matters Most.

Funded by your Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services levy and the generosity of private donors, UPK sites work hard to provide a vibrant and rewarding family-centered preschool experience. UPK has won numerous national awards and continues to provide innovative solutions to assist families, empower teachers, and give all children the opportunities they deserve.



High Quality Classrooms

We offer your child individualized attention in a fun and enriching environment.



Support for Teachers

We provide state-of-the-art training for all UPK educators.



Support for Families

We offer a number of programs to help children and their families.



Access to Scholarships

We make scholarships available to families in financial need.*

*under 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.




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What is Invest in Children?

Invest in Children is Cuyahoga County's public/private partnership serving the needs of young children from prenatal to kindergarten. We partner with Starting Point, the regional child care resource and referral agency, to provide technical assistance and training to all UPK programs. Universal Pre-Kindergarten is an award winning initiative administered by Invest in Children.

Cuyahoga County families have access to these other helpful resources funded by Invest in Children:

-  **SPARK** is a family-focused program that helps 3 and 4-year olds get ready for school by building reading, language and social skills with the support of a Parent Partner. Call Family Connections at (216) 921-2023.
-  **Prevention and Inclusion Programs (PIPs)** supports young children with developmental, health, physical, social-emotional or behavioral challenges in the classroom. Our team of experts work with child care staff to build a positive classroom environment with individualized support, necessary equipment, and appropriate activities. Call Starting Point at (216) 575-0061.
-  **Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH)** is the healthy social-emotional development of young children, age birth to age six. ECMH services can support families who have social, emotional, or behavioral concerns about their young child. Call the ECMH System Coordinator at (216) 801-2778.

Learn more about these programs and others by visiting the Invest in Children webpage at hhs.cuyahogacounty.gov/investinChildren or by using the QR code to the right.



Our Lead Agency for UPK

