The YMCA of Northern Utah’s Preschool Program Impact: Building Potential, Closing the Gap

Studies show those who attended preschool are:

- 20% More likely to raise their socioeconomic status
- 28% Less likely to abuse drugs or alcohol later in life
- 28% Less likely to end up in jail

60% of Utah’s youth are not enrolled in preschool. Without access to quality preschool, low-income kids, African-American and Latino children, are far less likely to be prepared to start kindergarten than their peers.

Utah 1 of only 8 states without state sponsored preschool.

Many children are behind 1.5 years.

7 preschool sites

Over 230 kids

Providing opportunity:

- 84% are low income
- 70% are minorities

Every $1 invested in preschool saves tax payers up to $13 in future costs.

Building strong foundations in the early years ensures that children start kindergarten ready to learn.

Changing the arc of a child’s future:

Our program uses research based curriculum that meets Utah Early Childhood Core Standards which incorporate all the domains to help youth meet developmental benchmarks and close the achievement gap.

LITERACY:
- Oral Language/Comprehension
- Phonological Awareness
- Alphabet Knowledge
- Book Knowledge/Print Awareness

MOTOR SKILLS:
- Pre-writing/Fine Motor Skills
- Gross Motor Skills

STEM:
- Science
- Technology
- Engineering
- Math

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL:
- Social Studies
- Social & Emotional Learning

Over $433,000 in financial assistance during 2016/2017 school year.
Marleigh started with no knowledge of letters and numbers and her social skills were limited. After a couple of months at the Y, Marleigh adapted to the new environment and routine. Thanks to the patience and hard work of YMCA teachers and the consistency of the program, she now knows her letters, counts beyond 50, and writes her name and those of her classmates. She has also developed relationships with classmates, teachers, and family members. Her parents say that Marleigh’s growth and knowledge is outstanding and that they enjoy watching her learn about the world around her.

97% of parents say that they would recommend the Y Preschool Program to a friend or family member.

Join our efforts to help kids reach their full potential in your community. ymcautah.org/preschool-program

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