



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

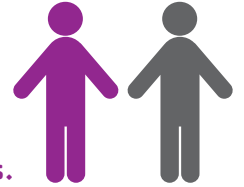
# THE YMCA OF NORTHERN UTAH'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM IMPACT BUILDING POTENTIAL, CLOSING THE GAP

**UTAH  
1 OF ONLY  
8 STATES  
WITHOUT STATE  
SPONSORED  
PRESCHOOL**



## 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.



## 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



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.



## MANY CHILDREN ARE BEHIND



**YEARS**

## 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

**7  
PRESCHOOL  
SITES**



## Y PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ENROLLMENT



**OVER  
230  
KIDS**

## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY

Kids in the Y Preschool Program



**84%**  
are low income

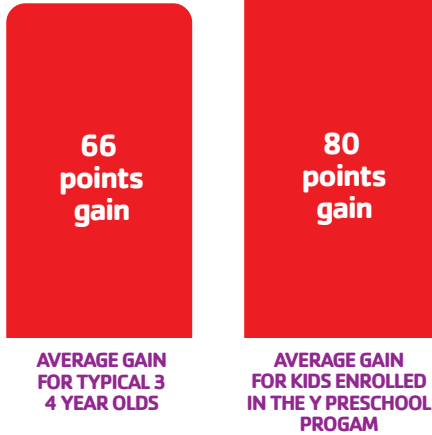
**70%**  
are minorities

over **\$433,000** in financial assistance

during 2016/2017 school year

## BOOSTING SKILLS REACHING MILESTONES

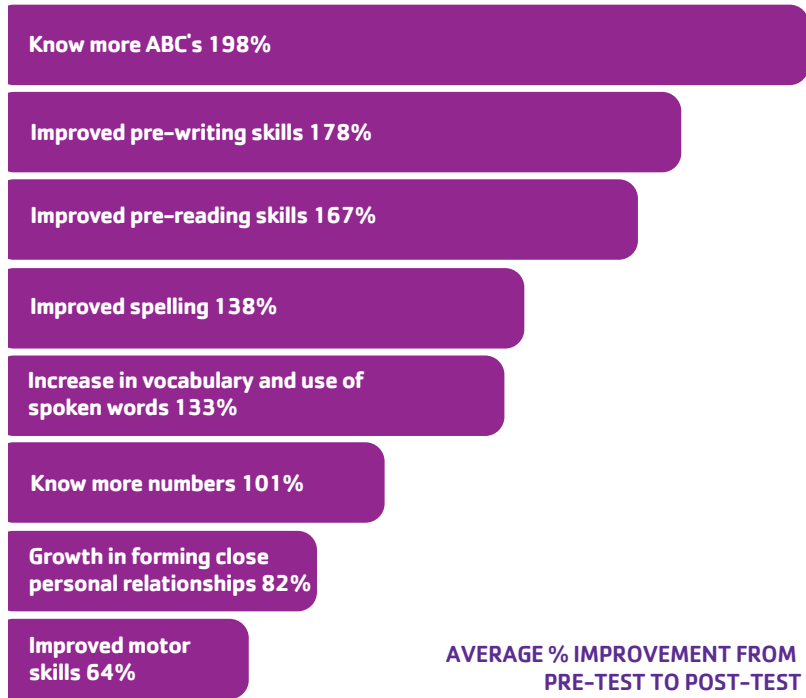
**85%** of youth start the Y Preschool Program behind developmentally. Development milestones track the skills children gain over time.



The Y Preschool Program strives to change the learning trajectory of preschoolers.

## WE ARE ENCOURAGED

by what we're able to achieve together. The Y Preschool Program uses assessments based on Utah's Early Childhood Core Standards. These assessments show the following improvements:



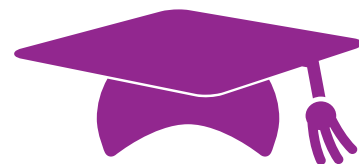
AVERAGE % IMPROVEMENT FROM PRE-TEST TO POST-TEST

## STORY OF IMPACT HITTING THE MARK

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%**  
PARENTS SAY that they would recommend the Y Preschool Program to a friend or family member.



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to help kids reach their full potential in your community.  
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