in our service area start kindergarten without the skills necessary to learn and thrive in elementary school. United Way’s Kindergarten Countdown Camp (KCC) helps close the gap to make sure every student starts school ready to learn and succeed.

WE'RE CLOSING THE GAP!

- 3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- 7 CLASSROOMS
- 106 STUDENTS
Academic Skills

STUDENT ACADEMIC SKILL GROWTH COMPARED TO INITIAL SKILL LEVEL

- Shapes
  - Pre-assessment: 92%
  - Post-assessment: 95%
- Colors
  - Pre-assessment: 81%
  - Post-assessment: 97%
- Letters
  - Pre-assessment: 51%
  - Post-assessment: 66%
- Writing Name
  - Pre-assessment: 56%
  - Post-assessment: 77%
- Counting
  - Pre-assessment: 51%
  - Post-assessment: 73%
- Book Familiarity
  - Pre-assessment: 83%
  - Post-assessment: 95%
- Rhyming Words
  - Pre-assessment: 69%
  - Post-assessment: 78%
- Fine Motor Skills/Cutting
  - Pre-assessment: 45%
  - Post-assessment: 67%

“...It gave him the chance to experience a classroom setting before starting school.”
– 2022 KCC PARENT
He can write his name and numbers. He identifies coins, shapes and all of his colors.

— 2022 KCC PARENT

90.3% of parents rated KCC 10/10 and would recommend to a friend or colleague

81% of students improved academic skills
Social Emotional Skills

Student Social Emotional Skill Growth Compared to Initial Skill Level

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<tr>
<td>Focus in activities</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Follows rules</td>
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<td>Tells about a story or experience</td>
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99% of students showed improved social emotional skills.

“She is super excited for school and has a love for doing school work and learning.”

— 2022 KCC Parent
AVERAGE ACADEMIC SKILL IMPROVEMENT

- KCC Start: 66%
- KCC End: 81%

AVERAGE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILL IMPROVEMENT

- KCC Start: 47%
- KCC End: 86%
WHAT ARE PARENTS SAYING ABOUT KCC?

HOW HAS KCC HELPED YOU AND YOUR CHILD IN PREPARING FOR KINDERGARTEN?