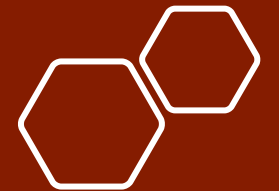


The Literacy Dashboard
2021 Update
November 30, 2021





Monica Gaulden –
SPARK Ohio Recruitment, Retention and Training
Supervisor





Invested in
their
early
learning.

Invest in Children



Strong Families Build Strong Communities

We want all children to be ready for Kindergarten.

Many factors, including the changes caused by this pandemic, can affect how, when and where they learn. As early educators, healthcare and social service providers, you are a lifeline to the children and families you serve. Rest assured, we are here to support you.

SPARK is a family-focused program that helps 3 and 4-year olds get ready for school by building reading, language and social skills. SPARK will provide help with:

- Parent-led sessions and activities
- Transitioning to Kindergarten
- Individual child learning plans
- Assessment and referral to preschool education settings and resources
- Free education supplies

To refer a child for SPARK services, or if you have questions please contact:

Family Connections of Northeast Ohio
Monica Gaulden (216) 921-2023 or
mgaulden@familyconnections1.org

Invest in Children

Our Lead Agency for SPARK



TOGETHER WE THRIVE





Family Partners is focused on helping families build the support systems necessary to achieve positive, stable outcomes for children and caregivers. By affirming strengths and identifying areas for growth, Family Partners can offer families a personalized blueprint for building a stable structure.

For information on enrollment, contact:

Richaun N. Bunton, Promise Neighborhood Initiative Manager
216.357.4470 | rbunton@socfcleveland.org
Keesha Tolliver Funches, SPARK-Ohio Parent Partner
216.921.2023 | KTolliverFunches@familyconnections1.org

Made possible by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland and the William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation

How does it work?

SPARK home-visiting program serves up to 30 families at a time in the Central neighborhood.

SPARK's parent partner meets with each family consistently to learn more about their preschool-aged child or children, their relationships and their needs.

SPARK then makes purposeful introductions to connect families with community resources in education (Starting Point), mental health (OhioGuidestone) and other social support networks (Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood).

With each of these partner organizations comes a network of additional potential connections for expertsto share with families, always with family's agreement and leadership.

Older and younger siblings of SPARK students and their parents are connected to support systems as well, ensuring the whole family is served simultaneously



Family Partners works to strengthen Protective Factors in each family, which will lead to positive outcomes.

Protective Factors

- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Social and emotional competence of children
- Concrete support in times of need

Outcomes

- School readiness
- Increased family literacy
- Powerful learning partnerships among parents and children
- Strong mental health foundations
- Appropriate physical and emotional health in children
- Overall stronger family relationship