Success in learning occurs before kindergarten. Families, communities, services and schools all play a part in a child’s school readiness by supporting the development of skills and positive behaviors, as well as enhancing the environments in which they spend their time.

Children are born ready to learn. The experiences that children have in the early years are the foundation for growth and development, and what they learn through these experiences are shaped by a child’s family, community and school.
A child’s early experiences involve relationships with parents and caregivers. Children come into the world eager for interaction. They want to connect right from the beginning. It is this emotional connection that gives them the confidence they need to learn.

Ready Families Provide:

Love and Attention. By giving our children love and attention, we help them feel safe, relaxed and happy.

A Predictable World. Regular routines and consistent responses give children a sense that adults and the world are trustworthy.

Play Time. Enjoyable activities stimulate the growth of a child’s brain. Play provides children with opportunities for imitation, imagination and discovering more about their child’s brain. Play provides children with opportunities for exploration and processing new information and experiences.

Beware of over-stimulation. Give children time to think, time to digest new information.

Understanding and Patience. You cannot spoil children by responding to them. Being attentive to a child’s needs develops a line of trust between adult and child.

Time to Digest New Information. By responding to them. Being attentive to a child’s needs develops a line of trust between adult and child.

Ready Communities Provide:

Early Childhood Services. Many people provide quality early care and education. Whether it’s you, a relative, a nursery, a regulated child care facility or a preschool, your child should have the opportunity to play and learn with a small group of children in a clean, safe environment with consistent caregivers.

Family Friendly Work Places. Many parents have the dual responsibility of raising children while earning a living. A family-friendly workplace acknowledges that families need extra support by providing programs and consideration so that employees may succeed at both.

Ready Services Provide:

Community Services. Services within the community such as Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, Head Start, Employment Services and Housing Assistance are available to provide support for children and families to ensure that every child has the opportunity for success.

Health and Dental Care. Prenatal care for pregnant mothers helps to ensure a successful beginning for both mother and child. As children grow, regular appointments with a family doctor, dentist or other healthcare professional can assure your child is achieving and maintaining good health.

Ready Schools Provide:

Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum. Children need to be taught by adults who understand them on an individual’s level. A ready teacher recognizes that children develop at different rates and will gear their instruction to each child’s needs.

Parent-Teacher Partnership. Parents are seen as the child’s first teacher and are welcome in the classroom where open lines of communication exist.

Academic and Social Guidance. A well-balanced education program includes the traditional academic areas of language, math and science; as well as, focus on health, fitness, creativity, positive social skill development and following group rules.

Individualized Instruction. Some children need to look at something to understand it, while others need to get in there and handle it. Gearing instructional techniques to each individual child will help them reach their highest potential. Parents and teachers can work together to help children find success in learning.

Qualified Staff in Safe, Well-Equipped Classrooms. Teachers qualified in early education are key to a child’s success during the first three years of school. Class size should be appropriate for the age of the children. Buildings and classrooms are safe and equipped with a variety of materials and resources.