The early years matter!

Message From Our Executive Director

Ready At Five and the Maryland State Department of Education's (MSDE) Division of Early Childhood have launched a new tool, called the Readiness Matters Data Explorer, to help stakeholders access and use the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) Report data. We hope this user-friendly format will drive local conversations and assist in the development of early care and education strategies to address specific jurisdictional needs. Developed and managed by Ready At Five with funding from MSDE, the new portal allows users to compare data and easily filter information by county, learning domain, race/ethnicity, prior care experience, and other subgroup demographics. The tools within the platform can be used to compare data across subgroups and jurisdictions, and there are plans to expand the functionality in the future. Please visit our website and check it out!

Fondly,
Registration is Now Open for our School Readiness Symposium!

December 11, 2019
Register at www.readyatfive.org

Simple Interactions

Featuring Keynote Speakers

Junlei Li, Ph.D.
Saul Zavel and Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Education
Harvard Graduate School of Education

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Ready At Five is Pleased to Offer PEEP

The importance of STEM in the early years is increasingly clear. High quality science experiences connect young children to technology, engineering, and mathematics and lay a foundation for science interest and learning later in school. They also support higher-level thinking, reasoning, and problem-solving skills and create a rich context for literacy learning and social skills development.

To support STEM in early childhood classrooms across the state, Ready At Five is offering a professional development program centered on the quality science teaching and learning resources of PEEP and the Big Wide World (www.peeppandthebigwideworld.com). The PEEP program will support early childhood teachers who teach children 4 or 5 years of age and directors who are motivated to improve the science teaching and learning in their classrooms and programs. Please contact info@readyatfive.org for more information.
Gabriela Sullen Joins Ready At Five's Executive Leadership Committee

Gabriela Sullen works as a systems specialist for Johns Hopkins Health System in Baltimore, MD. In that role, she works to improve the hospital’s repository of policies, procedures and other vital documents. Prior to her current role and while a graduate student, Gabriela served as administrative intern for the vice president of support services at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. In her spare time Gabriela serves as volunteer mentor and a member of the program committee for Warrior Women Against Poverty, a Detroit nonprofit focused on stabilizing and transforming the lives of homeless women and their children. She is an active member of the National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE) and serves as a co-chair for the women's forum and summer internship program. The Detroit native is fluent in English and Spanish. She enjoys public speaking and has presented at local and national conferences. Gabriela has a passion for community health. Her long-term goal is to own and manage multilingual community health clinics and offer holistic health care services to those in need, while promoting health policy initiatives affecting black and brown families nationwide.

"Having knowledge is key but applied knowledge is where we reach the pinnacle of growth and success - I am looking forward to joining in Ready At Five's work to help all Maryland children be ready for growth and success in school and life."

Gabriela earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in Latino studies, from Wayne State University in Detroit. She received her Master of Public Administration in Healthcare from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, MI.

"We are pleased to welcome Gabriela to Ready At Five's Executive Leadership Committee. She brings a unique and important perspective in our efforts to improve outcomes for all children across Maryland," said Meredith Callanan, Chair of Ready At Five's Executive Leadership Committee.

Jumpstart
READ FOR THE RECORD®

Strong literacy, language, and social-emotional skills are all essential for school success. Join us on November 7 as we Read for the Record and ensure ALL children are prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond!

Ready at Five is partnering with Jumpstart for Young Children to spread the word about Jumpstart’s 14th annual global literacy movement called Read for the Record. Millions of adults and young children will come together to read the same book on the same day and build awareness of the critical importance of early literacy and access to high-quality books. This year, for Read for the Record, we'll be reading Thank You, Omu! by award-
winning author & illustrator, Oge Mora.

When you sign up to learn more about Read for the Record with Jumpstart, you will receive news and special discount rates—and even be entered for a chance to win copies of this year’s book, Thank You, Omu!, for a classroom in your community.

Interested in learning more about Jumpstart’s Read for the Record campaign? Visit Jumpstart’s website for more information.

Celebrate the Bilingual Child in October (And Every Month!)

October is Celebrating the Bilingual Child Month. A person who is bilingual knows two or more languages and understand multiple cultures. These children act as a bridge between multiple cultures and offer wonderful insights for classrooms.

Celebrate their culture and language by encouraging them to share a little through activities. Don’t single them out, but help them to be enthusiastic about their heritage through interactive games that include the entire class.

Even parents can be part of the celebration. Invite them to their children’s classroom to contribute exciting stories or delicious family recipes.

Strengthen reading skills by bringing home bilingual books. Visit libraries and online resources that provide bilingual options. Across languages, many words look and sound alike and often have similar meanings. Provide the children with opportunities to discover these words and explore their meanings and common connections across cultures.
 Featured Resources

Ready At Five Has What You're Looking For - School Readiness Publications!

Please click here for the order form or visit our website to find out about the programs and resources that we offer.

Donate Now

Help us as we work to ensure that all children in Maryland have the foundational skills needed for future success in school, career and life.
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