



July, 2017

The early years
matter!



From Ready At Five's Executive Director Steven Hicks



First, Do No Harm

This summer, parents and caregivers will choose a life-changing course of action for their children by preparing them to enter kindergarten this fall. Some may utilize Ready At Five's popular, no-cost, family engagement program, [ReadyRosie Summer Soar](#), while others will take their children to their favorite, [Maryland library](#) to listen to books being read to them or take those book home. Children everywhere will play math games on (their parents'!) smartphones, or explore nature and the great outdoors, building their foundation for science skills. Most of us regard a child's successful 'school readiness' as a combination of knowing a few letters and numbers, a couple of colors, and being able to share and get along with others. But, there is another critical factor for a child's success in school that cannot be undervalued or overlooked: **good health**. Healthy children are happy children. [Healthy children learn better](#). [Read more here](#).

Engage with ReadyRosie

[ReadyRosie Summer Soar](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) will deliver specific learning activities and games to make summer learning soar in 2017! Fun and inspiring activities that families will love to play throughout the summer months! All content and videos in English and Spanish. Make sure to sign up for free through August 2017 by going to www.readyrosie.com/register/ and enter the zip code 19888! Pass it along!



Save the Date for our School Readiness Symposium!

Our School Readiness Symposium "Equity in Literacy Must Start Early" featuring Dr. Nell K. Duke, Ed.D. will take place on December 14, 2017 at Turf Valley!

SAVE THE DATE
School Readiness Symposium
DECEMBER 14, 2017

Equity in Literacy Must Start Early

Featuring 
 Dr. Nell K. Duke, Ed.D.
 Professor
 University of Michigan

Presented by 
 In partnership with 
 Division of Early Childhood Development

Location:
 Turf Valley Hotel
 2700 Turf Valley Road
 Elberton, MD 21042

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 On our website - www.readyrosie.org
 On Facebook - [facebook.com/ReadyRosie](https://www.facebook.com/ReadyRosie)
 On Twitter - twitter.com/readyrosie

Program Update

"VIOLETS on the bus offered in our rural community wouldn't be possible without the wonderful support of Ready At Five. Our families looked forward to our visits and enjoy listening to the wonderful stories presented in the VIOLETS format. The children loved this experience and we have such a good feeling after working in the community - thanks for helping the children in our community become better prepared for school success!" - Elizabeth Miller, Coordinator, Judy Center Partnership of Queen Anne's County



Featured Resources

Domain Of Learning Card: Growing Strong and Living Healthy

Easy-to-read card for parents/families and early childhood professionals that provide information on physical well-being and motor development that promote school readiness. [Download here for free](#) or [purchase here](#).



A Chance to Give

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



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