



# EDUCATION

## Early Years

**GOAL: CHILDREN ARE READY TO LEARN BY THE START OF SCHOOL.**

**SUCCESS STORY:** A local trucking company initially contacted Childcaring interested in opening a child care program in the community. With little knowledge of how to get started, Childcaring directed the company to materials on the Department of Children & Families website. After also attending one of Childcaring's start up information sessions, the company submitted a group child care business startup worksheet and started the pre-licensing process. One of the first things addressed was who needed to be involved as the business startup worksheet was submitted under the name of the employee initially charged with investigating the process. The owner of the company, as the potential licensee, is now aware of his need for involvement in the process. Additionally, they have hired someone with child care experience to help lead this project. With the proper people involved, Childcaring was able to identify and share resources and grant opportunities to support this company in solving a need in their community.

**\$8,000  
INVESTED IN  
PARTNER  
PROGRAMS  
IN 2023**

### LOCAL RESULTS:



**5,729**

books were mailed to children in south Wood County through Women United and Dolly Parton Imagination Library in 2022.



over

**880 Books**

were provided to more than 130 children during the Great Book Giveaway event in 2022.

Volunteers read to children 33 times at Great Book Giveaway events in 2022.

**Volunteer Impact**

### Outreach & Events

41 local childcare providers received assistance to enhance their services improving the quality of care in our community



**100%**

of parents were able to stay employed as a result of receiving child care aid in 2022.

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