



SPARK Ohio (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) is now in Columbus

SPARK Ohio, a home visitation program is now being implemented in Columbus in five neighborhoods, through the generous support of six community based agencies. Families of four-year-old children who are not enrolled in any out-of-home center based preschool program are eligible for this year-long, free service.

Each family enrolled in SPARK is assigned a Parent Partner who meets monthly with a parent or grandparent who serves as the Learning Advocate. At each meeting, families receive information, activities designed to help children be ready for kindergarten.

Recruitment is still taking place! If you are a parent of a four-year-old child and/or are a center that may be at capacity and know of families that could benefit from this service please see the contact information and locations for SPARK Columbus services below.

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