



EDUCATION

United Way is dedicated to helping children and youth achieve their potential through education.



Success By 6 (SB6)

Success By 6 is United Way of Greater New Haven's initiative to ensure that more children throughout the region come to school ready to learn and have a solid foundation for lifelong success.

We know the years between birth and six are a time of tremendous growth and development. The experiences children have in their earliest years determine the actual structure of their brains and lay the foundation for their ability to learn, as well as their emotional and behavioral well-being. The stakes are high – these early years matter, not only for young children and their families, but also for our entire community.

Investments in early childhood have a high rate of return: for every \$1 invested in high-quality early childhood programs, we save \$16 in costs such as special education, incarceration, and welfare. Research also shows that children who have engaged, supported parents and quality preschool experiences are more likely to:

- read at grade level by 3rd grade;
 - score well on the 4th grade CT Mastery Tests;
 - stay out of the juvenile justice system; and
 - stay in school.
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SB6 GOALS AND STRATEGIES

The goal of SB6 is to ensure that children enter school developmentally on track in terms of health, literacy, social, emotional & intellectual skills regardless of race or socioeconomic status. To reach this goal, United Way of Greater New Haven is working with its partners to:

- Create opportunities for children (0-5) from low-income families to have access to high-quality early care and education
- Improve the quality of early care and education
- Engage parents/guardians/caregivers to support their children's development and learning.

SB6 RESULTS

- United Way secured new federal dollars to implement a new Early Head Start program, making quality full-day, full-year care available for 41 infants and toddlers in New Haven. Partners include All Our Kin, Life Haven, and LULAC.
- Nineteen child care programs in New Haven, East Haven, West Haven and Hamden serving over 600 children have participated in the Accreditation Initiative supported by United Way, which helped them successfully complete the national accreditation process, a hallmark of high-quality early care and education.
- 260 parents reported an increased understanding of their child's development and the skills needed upon entering kindergarten.
- United Way worked with local companies in Hamden and New Haven to install two Born Learning Trails, a set of outdoor activities that give parents and caregivers everyday ways to help children learn.

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