Fostering success from Cradle to Career for all children in Montgomery County

Our Big Goal

60% of Montgomery County’s workforce will have a degree or a high quality credential

Our approach

Create and leverage partnerships
Promote best practices
Gather data to drive good decisions

Initiatives we’re leading

• Adoption of a Preschool Promise
• Implementation of Passport to Kindergarten, a kindergarten readiness program for high-needs children
• Expansion of the annual Read On! summer book drive
• Creation of more high quality summer learning programs
• Implementation of FAFSA Finish!
• Promotion of College and Career Signing Day Celebrations at every Montgomery County high school

Our kids’ path to success

Birth-3rd Grade 4th-8th Grade 9th Grade-Career

Our strategies

• Ensure every child can attend at least one year of high quality preschool
• Promote all students’ attendance
• Reduce chronic absenteeism
• Expand high quality afterschool and summer learning opportunities
• Ensure every 3rd-grader is reading on grade-level
• Create career pathways that students can begin in high school
• Expand high-school internship opportunities
• Drive up FAFSA completion
• Celebrate students’ post-high school education plans
• Conduct Montgomery County-specific research

Success by the numbers

• An estimated 200 families are getting tuition assistance from the 2016 Preschool Promise
• 3,000 more children have enrolled in high quality summer learning
• Almost 100 preschools have earned quality Star Ratings
• $1.8 million in new funding was raised for summer learning
• Nearly 200,000 books were distributed for summer reading
• FAFSA completion rates are on track to increase by 10%
• Almost 1,700 children have graduated from Passport to Kindergarten
• Libraries’ summer reading club participation is up by 60%
• 35 preschools are getting intensive help to improve instruction
• The 2015-16 Countywide high-school graduation rate is up by 2% — outperforming the state average

Our steadfast partners