

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Read to Succeed	
Project Name:	Pre-K All-day Literacy and Kindergarten-Readiness	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	X	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	<p>R2S kicked off Q1 with early childhood support across Asheville!</p> <p>6 PreK students attending Chosen PODS summer camp worked with R2S reading teachers and tutors 2 - 3x/week through mid-August. Assessments completed in July helped identify student needs and informed literacy instruction they received one-to-one with a tutor or in whole and small group lessons with trained staff. PreK students practiced writing their names, identifying letter sounds and forming letters, reading consonant-vowel-consonant words, and more. They participated in 4 read-aloud visits with Ms. Anne of Books Alive! and earned multiple reward days through the new R2S/Chosen PODS Positive Behavior Incentives System (PBIS).</p> <p>R2S Co-ED Ashley Allen worked at Youthful HAND with PreK students using FUNdations' PreK curriculum. Ashley Allen taught nine students listening, speaking, and phonological skills crucial for kindergarten readiness four days a week, in addition to exposing students to the FUNdations phonics curriculum (aligned with Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools).</p> <p>R2S and Community Action Opportunities (CAO), the largest Headstart provider in WNC, collaborated in July and August to plan for a year of intentional partnership. R2S participated in their Hillcrest Headstart Open House, distributing literacy kits featuring a Black board book with accompanying letter formation literacy activities to 25+ families and engaging PreK students in phonological awareness (PA) and phonics games. A PA training for 60 CAO educators/staff was scheduled for early October, and Co-Executive Director Ashley Allen recruited Black community members as guest readers who will begin reading with students in October at the Lonnie D. Burton and Hillcrest centers.</p> <p>R2S Co-EDs Allen and Jess McLean met with leadership at both Christine Avery Learning Center and YWCA in September to plan out partnership components for the 2023-2024 school year.</p>
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Quarter 2	
Quarter 3	

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				toward
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of instructional hours served in early childhood classrooms providing literacy support to students and teachers	75	90				90
# of community partners' staff/volunteer/intern training sessions conducted	8	0				0
# of evidence-based literacy games, activities, and centers designed, developed, and shared with early childhood partners	50	1				1

Comments:

NOTE: Co-Executive Director Ashley Allen officially started July 1st, 2023; in addition to onboarding new leadership, our organization built capacity during Q1, firming up partnerships with early childhood providers, engaging PreK families, and planning out future trainings. While we shared 50+ literacy kits with families in Q1, we are counting it as "1" unique activity, per row 16.

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,740				\$ 46,260
Travel/Training	\$ 800					\$ 800
Technology	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
Curriculum/Assessments	\$ 1,000					\$ 1,000
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation	\$ 500					\$ 500
Supplies/Materials	\$ 6,000	\$ 679				\$ 5,321
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage	\$ 1,500	\$ 827				\$ 673
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,	\$ 3,000	\$ 527				\$ 2,473
Other - Culturally Responsive books	\$ 2,500					\$ 2,500
Total	\$ 66,300	\$ 5,773	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,527

Comments: