

SYSTEMS ALIGNED IN LEARNING (SAIL)

United Way of
Lancaster County



COLLECTIVE IMPACT PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY NEED

In Lancaster County, **65% of children under the age of five live in economically at-risk households**, rife with stresses that inhibit school readiness. Less than one-fifth of preschool-aged children benefit from center-based care, which prepares children for learning through a vetted system of curriculum and assessment. Home-based childcare serves the overwhelming majority, leaving a large percentage of children and their caregivers at risk for limited access to **resources that support kindergarten readiness and lifelong success.**

BOLD GOALS ADDRESSED

 **100% of our children will enter kindergarten ready to learn.**

 **100% of students and adults will have post-secondary credentials.**

OUR SOLUTION

By creating a mobile mentoring system, including the **Be READY Rover** van filled with library books and educational toys, SAIL supplies tools and training to home-based child care providers, empowering them to offer the same academic and social-emotional resources as center-based preschools. These resources are provided through **two bilingual mentors** who conduct monthly visits to the providers across the county.

The mentors work with providers on topics such as effective business practices, conducting meaningful activities with children, and understanding the complexities of state licensing regulations. The mentors also bring information about parenting resources, nutrition classes, and other community programs. These supports result in higher quality rating scores for the providers which translate into better outcomes for children and families.

Additionally, SAIL aims to **connect home providers to each other to create a larger network of support** for education opportunities and sharing of resources.



MAJOR SUCCESSES

6,217

books have been borrowed by SAIL providers and children from the Library System

42

home-based providers currently served by SAIL in Lancaster County

2,259

healthy snacks were distributed to children in care

KEY PARTNERS

LutherCare / LutherCare for Kids
The Library System of Lancaster County
COBYS Family Services
Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health

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“ THE WORK OF SAIL SUPPORTS HOME-BASED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN ACHIEVING BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GOALS, WHILE ALSO WORKING TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF CARE FOR THE CHILDREN THEY SERVE. ”

SAIL officially forms at the beginning of the first United Way of Lancaster County 3-year collective impact grant cycle

SAIL begins partnering with Manheim Township, Elizabethtown, and Columbia School Districts to better connect providers

MAY 2016

JULY 2015

JULY 2017

JULY 2018

SAIL adds a bilingual mentor to serve additional Latino in-home child care providers

SAIL partners with Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health to support the overall wellness of children