

SYSTEMS ALIGNED IN LEARNING (SAIL)

COLLECTIVE IMPACT PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

United Way of
Lancaster County



ASSESSING THE NEED

OPPORTUNITY GAP

In Lancaster County, 65% of children under the age of 5 live in economically at-risk households.

ACHIEVEMENT GAP

Less than 20% of pre-school aged children in Lancaster County benefit from center-based care that formally prepares children for kindergarten.

SUCCESS GAP

Children entering kindergarten behind their peers often remain behind, impacting their remaining school years and job prospects.

KEY PARTNERS

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



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