



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL YMCA EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

THE NEED



85% of brain development occurs before age five

These years lay a critical foundation for a child's ongoing development and success. Research has found that children who are ready for kindergarten are more likely to read proficiently by third grade, graduate high school, obtain employment and earn a higher income; and less likely to be involved in criminal behaviors and/or rely on financial assistance.



Low-income children often begin school six months behind their peers

OUR RESPONSE

YMCA Early Learning Programs, operated at 11 sites in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, provide a safe and nurturing environment designed to support children's mental, social, emotional, and physical development, ensuring they have the skills to be successful in school and life. Children in the Y's programs have opportunities to learn new things, gain new skills and make new friends.

WHAT KIDS DO AND LEARN



ART AND MUSIC



SOCIAL SKILLS



LANGUAGE AND LITERACY



DRAMATIC PLAY



HEALTHY EATING AND NUTRITION



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MOTOR SKILLS



MATH AND SCIENCE

In addition to our traditional Early Learning programs, the Y also implements an Autism Early Learning Program at two locations.

YMCA OF GREATER CINCINNATI IMPACT

600 children served annually



5 weeks - 5 years old



More than half of children served are from low-income households



5 sites are star-rated



94% demonstrate age-appropriate cognitive and language skills



92% demonstrate age-appropriate social-emotional skills



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