

The Boston Opportunity Agenda

Goal:

Priority Initiative:

A Strong Educational Foundation

Thrive in 5, a city-wide partnership created by the United Way and the City of Boston to support children's early learning and school readiness



Progress We Will See:

- **Ready families**—Neighborhoods throughout Boston are developing partnerships among organizations that provide families with information about supporting their children's literacy and language development, preparing them for school, and getting the services they and their parents need to eliminate barriers to learning
- **Ready educators**—Children are receiving better early care and education through an intensive effort to help providers gain professional development and accreditation
- **Ready systems**—Boston is developing new systems in healthy care settings to identify and address physical and mental health problems as well as social issues that interfere with children's ability to learn
- **Ready city**—Fundors and community-based organizations are helping the general public understand the importance of supporting young children's school readiness

Bottom Line:

Student success and a reduction in the early and long-term achievement gap