

EDUCATION

kids who start behind often stay behind

IS A MARATHON

48%
UNPREPARED

The achievement gap begins early. Nearly half of U.S. children begin kindergarten not fully prepared for school.¹

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Expectations of kindergarten students are higher than in previous generations.



Too many kindergarteners don't meet basic readiness skills, putting them at a disadvantage.

Children who start behind struggle to catch up. Teachers face challenges when there is a gap in readiness.

QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION IS KEY
to closing the readiness gap in American education.

Up to 90% of brain development happens before age 5, making early years a crucial time to invest in high quality education.²



Family Involvement not income or social status is the most accurate predictor of student achievement in school.³

Let every child start the education marathon fully prepared.

START



A WINNING FORMULA:

Quality early education + parent involvement = success

gearing up for
Kindergarten

is a school readiness and parent involvement program for 4-year-olds that helps every child get off to a good start.

3X Gains in basic academic and social skills were 3X higher among children in the Gearing Up program.⁴

Students prepared for school have higher 3rd grade reading levels, a key indicator of future school and life success.⁵

A proven, low-cost, stand-alone, easy-to-implement program, Gearing Up for Kindergarten is helping to close the readiness gap.

Significant Savings

The cost of remedial services later on⁶

\$1,350 per student

The cost of Gearing Up per Kindergartner

\$350 per family



NDSU EXTENSION SERVICE

How it Works

Children and parents attend sessions together and become familiar with school, rules and routines, teachers and classroom expectations. And students are more excited to start school.

Children Learn

essential academic and social skills.

Parents Learn

best practices to guide and prepare their child to help them succeed.

Educators Build Relationships

with families and identify readiness gaps.



Invest in North Dakota early education. Gearing Up for Kindergarten helps close the gap and get kids on track for success. www.gearingupnd.org/contact-us

Early education can change a student's life forever.

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