# **Onondaga County Pathway to School Readiness**



- low reading proficiency in 3-8th grade • big learning gap between races
  - high drop out rate



early learning programs to promote school readiness, continued school success

### KINDERGARTEN READINESS DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN

Children start learning from birth - brains are built over time.



Early brain development sets the wiring for all future learning



Adult interactions help shape brain development



Vocabulary at age 3 can predict 3rd grade reading level

Child care is far more than a work support for parents - it's the children's early learning world

# EARLY LEARNING IN ONONDAGA COUNTY

# A Vision for School Readiness for All Children

WORKFORCE CHILD CARE

**CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS** EARLY **LEARNING** 

HUB

Expand investments in early learning workforce higher education to build competencies in child development and school readiness

Strengthen the **Workforce** 

**Promote** competencies in research-based strategies

Strengthen Legally Exempt Care

Expand Talk, Read, Sing tote bags & playgroups to promote early childhood development activities

Nearly 1/3rd of children in subsidized child care are in legally exempt home-based care.

Nurture brain and language development and school readiness in a warm, stimulating

Strengthen Family **Child Care** Homes

Strengthen Child Care Centers

- Add screening to identify children who need additional intervention services
- Invest in curriculum support to promote language and literacy skills, social and emotional development, and school readiness
- Increase child care provider pay based on education level and experience





