Onondaga County Pathway to School Readiness

HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILD CARE

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

THE SOLUTION
early learning programs to promote school readiness, continued school success

KINDERCERTGEN 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
Strengthen the Workforce
Strengthen Family Child Care Homes
Strengthen Child Care Centers

CHILD CARE
Strengthen Legally Exempt Care

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

Promote competencies in research-based strategies

Nurture brain and language development and school readiness in a warm, stimulating environment that meets the needs of all children

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.

• 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