

# 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

## 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

