

## Our Partners

**Agencies with programs receiving United Way funding:**

- All Saints Early Learning & Community Care Center
- Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc.
- Community Connections of Jacksonville, Inc.
- DLC Nurse and Learn, Inc.
- Episcopal Children's Services
- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of North Florida, Inc.
- Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center, Inc.
- Jewish Community Alliance
- Methodist Children's Village
- New Heights of Northeast Florida, Inc.
- United Way Success By 6 Initiative
- YMCA of Florida's First Coast, Inc.

**Community Partners in Early Childhood Success:**

- Child Mental Health Stakeholders Task Force
- City of Jacksonville
- Commission on Special Needs Children
- The Community Foundation in Jacksonville
- Early Learning Coalition of Clay, Baker, Bradford, and Nassau Counties
- Early Learning Coalition of Duval
- The Fifth Generation Foundation
- Florida KidCare Coalition
- George M. Baldwin Foundation
- Healthy Start Coalition
- Human Services Council
- Jacksonville Children's Commission
- Jacksonville Early Learning Partnership

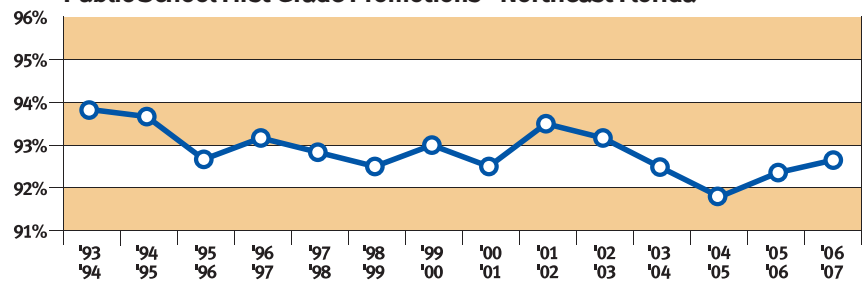
## Early Childhood Success

**ISSUE:** The first years of a child's life are critical to his or her future success. Children are born learning, and research has shown that children that receive quality and positive care are more likely to succeed academically, socially, and financially later in life. There is a substantial economic benefit to communities that prioritize early childhood development. Other research has shown that every \$1 invested in early childhood programs there is approximately \$17 return to the community. In particular, there is a strong need to ensure the quality of childcare in a community.

**SOLUTION:** Through United Way's Success By 6 initiative, we are prioritizing early childhood development and ensuring there is proper investment in the issue. Success By 6 is providing access to high-quality early learning centers. In addition, we have partnered with the Early Learning Coalition of Duval and Jacksonville Early Literacy Partnership to help educate parents about the important role they play in their child's development using Born Learning materials developed by United Way of America, The Ad Council, and Civitas. We promote the importance of quality childcare to parents so they can make well informed decisions on the care of their children.

**IMPACT:** Success By 6 children had 26% gains in vocabulary development and 15% gains in school readiness.

Public School First Grade Promotions - Northeast Florida



JCCI Quality of Life Progress Report: [www.jcci.org](http://www.jcci.org)  
 Data Source: Florida Department of Education

**United Way of Northeast Florida invests \$1,851,859 to help prepare young children to succeed in school.**