

# Welcome to Kalamazoo County Ready 4s

We are excited to welcome you to the KC Ready 4s' family! You might be wondering more about who we are and what we do. It doesn't matter what kind of tuition support (if any) that your child receives, we provide all kinds of supports to families **and** pre-K programs to ensure that your child receives a high-quality pre-K experience. Our goal is to provide a **Joyful, Intentional, Life-Changing** pre-K experience for children. They will be exposed to the basics of learning, explore the world around them, become confident learners and have **FUN** in the process. We're glad to be a part of this journey with you!

## Supports offered by KC Ready 4s:

- We hire **Teacher Mentors** to support high-quality learning environments in the classroom
- We hire **Speech Pathologists** to assist families who have concerns about their child's speech, hearing and language development. Speech screenings are coordinated through Western Michigan University.
- We offer **Occupational Therapy** screenings through WMU, and **dental screenings** through the Family Health Center Dental Clinic
- We offer support in the classroom and resources to families of children with **behavioral concerns** through Family & Children Services and Kalamazoo RESA Instructional Center
- We collaborate with Kalamazoo RESA in several other ways: offering **professional development** for pre-K teachers and directors, and partnering together to provide seamless recruitment/enrollment of new families through **Kalamazoo County Pre-K**
- We invite families to participate in **FREE workshops and events** that encourage and educate. These include parenting **tips and strategies**, and help you become your child's best advocate
- *And the list goes on!*

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Joyful, Intentional, Life-Changing: The POWER of Pre-Kindergarten!

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