

Parents are their child's first and most important teachers and they play an essential role in preparing children for kindergarten. **The Montgomery County Preschool Promise is intended to build on parents' critical work by ensuring every child has access to affordable, high quality preschool.** The 2016-2017 school year is the demonstration of the Preschool Promise and is the second phase of an effort to expand the Preschool Promise countywide.

Research shows that children who attend high quality preschool are better prepared for kindergarten. As well, children who are more prepared for kindergarten are more likely to be reading well in 3rd grade and more likely to go on to be successful later in life. Our goal is to help ensure that every child starts kindergarten ready to learn and on track.

The Preschool Promise provides tuition assistance to families to make high quality preschool affordable, and it also assists preschools to continuously improve the quality of their programs. Preschool providers must be part of Ohio's voluntary rating system, known as Step Up to Quality, in order to participate. Step Up to Quality gives preschools a Star Rating, ranging from 1 to 5 Stars, based on their quality. The quality factors that are considered include curriculum, their assessment of children's progress and development, classroom environment, family engagement opportunities and teacher-child interactions. For more information on Step Up to Quality, please visit: <http://www.earlychildhoodohio.org/sutq.php>.

Because providing high quality experiences for children is expensive, Preschool Promise provides varying levels of tuition assistance on a sliding-scale related to need. All families will receive some assistance so long as they choose a preschool provider that has been rated in the Step Up to Quality system. Assistance is greatest for programs that have the highest Star Ratings.

Your Preschool Promise Tuition Assistance Calculator

Tuition Charged by Provider	\$ _____
- Subsidies and Scholarships	\$ _____
- Preschool Promise Tuition Assistance	\$ _____
= Total Family Contribution Due to Provider	\$ _____

This investment in our children would not be possible without the support of myriad partners and supporters. We are especially grateful to the Montgomery County Commission, which is the primary sponsor, with additional generous support from the CareSource Foundation; the Harry A. Toulmin Jr. and Virginia B. Toulmin Fund; the City of Dayton; Dayton Public Schools; the City of Kettering; the Kettering City School District; Larry Connor, Connor Group Kids & Community Partners; and Mike and Peggie McQuiston.



_____	_____	_____	_____
Child's Last, First Name	Child's Date of Birth	Phone Number	Alt. Phone Number
_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____	_____
Guardian's Last, First Name	Relationship to Child	Highest Level of Education	
_____	_____	_____	
Guardian's Last, First Name	Relationship to Child	Highest Level of Education	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
Email	County		

Name of Provider			

As a parent of a child in the Montgomery County Preschool Promise Demonstration, I agree to:

- **Bring my child to school every day.** Children need to be present and building on skills they learn each day. My child will arrive on time and attend preschool each and every day unless he or she is ill. I understand that if my child attends less than 60% of his/her scheduled service days for two months, not necessarily consecutively, I will no longer be eligible for tuition assistance. I have read the attached "Preschool Promise Attendance Policy."
- **Participate in parent teacher conferences and family engagement events at my child's program.**
- Allow Preschool Promise agencies access to information that is disclosed/housed in the county/state Job and Family Services databases, which may include subsidy, financial, demographic and other information. This information will never be shared and will only be used for Preschool Promise verification.
- Allow Preschool Promise and other associated and sponsoring agencies to collect and share data about my child's preschool assessment scores, including but not limited to, the Bracken School Readiness Assessment, school attendance, K-3 reading intervention/special needs participation, and any other state standardized achievement assessment scores now and in the future. No identifiable information will be shared with these entities. This will only be used for research and/or funding purposes.
- If I am a current CareSource member, allow Preschool Promise to release my name to CareSource and notify CareSource of my participation in the Preschool Promise program. No information other than my name and status as a Preschool Promise participant will be provided to CareSource. Please check one: Yes No Not Applicable

Allow Preschool Promise to use photos and videos of my child in the promotion of Preschool Promise.

Please check one: Yes No

_____	_____
Guardian's Signature	Date
_____	_____
Guardian's Signature	Date

OFFICE USE ONLY: Type granted: Co-Pay Scholarship: Full-Time Part-Time

