

**DRAFT Preliminary Scan of Services for Children Prenatal-5 Years of Age in Erie and Niagara Counties
Community Indicators Project**

Organization Name	Funded Activities
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo identifies “Parenting skills,” “School readiness-birth to age,” and “Lead poisoning testing twice before age 2 in the following six zip codes: 14207, 14208, 14211, 14212, 14213, 14215” as part of its funding priorities within its strategic plan. The item is listed under: <i>Increase economic self-sufficiency for low-income individuals and families.</i>
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo launched the Wipe Out Lead campaign in partnership with BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York, the City of Buffalo, Erie County, Buffalo Block Clubs, the Baptist Minister's Conference of Buffalo and Vicinity, Community Action Organization, Buffalo Prenatal, Peri-natal Network, Environmental Education Associates, and Family Environmental Health Resources. The campaign includes public awareness and action efforts to reach those living in high risk zip codes (14207, 14208, 14211, 14212, 14213 and 14215) where lead poisoning is a severe problem. Lead poisoning is especially dangerous to children under the age of six and can cause permanent neurological damage including loss of I.Q., developmental delays, learning disabilities, memory loss, hearing loss, attention deficits, hyperactivity and behavioral disorders.
Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo	The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo provides funding support to Read to Succeed Buffalo in collaboration with The John R. Oishei Foundation and the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation.
Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York	Nuts and Bolts was designed to improve outcomes in physical, mental and oral health for children in selected communities of poverty in Western and Central New York through strategic investments in organizations committed to and capable of increased accountability for outcomes. The target audience for the Nuts and Bolts RFP (issued in April 2005) included organizations serving children in zip codes with the most concentrated number of children living in western and central NY communities of poverty as well as organizations striving to achieve a culture and infrastructure that is driven by outcomes, quality and ongoing evaluation and improvement.
Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York	This Community Cares: Addressing Children’s Developmental, Social-Emotional, and Behavioral Health in Erie and Niagara Counties targets children 0 to 5 years of age. In its initial phase, it is collaborating with pediatricians, nurse practitioners, and family practitioners in implementing an appropriate and standardized developmental/behavioral screening instrument in their practice. The pilot program is currently underway and is testing screening tools, examining various financial models, and assessing impact on newly identified children.

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Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York	The Right Start is designed to improve outcomes in the social, emotional and behavioral well-being of children ages birth - 5 in the regions served by the Community Health Foundation. The Foundation has three specific goals for this project: 1.) To increase effective participation of multiple providers and systems and the child/family in decisions about what care and services are offered ; 2.) To improve care and service coordination by stimulating more effective communication between providers and systems and by making children/families the central focus in this communication; and 3.) To improve provider understanding of the benefits that result from effectively engaging other providers and systems and children/families in care and services.
Margaret L. Wendt Foundation	The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation provides funding support to Read to Succeed Buffalo in collaboration with The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the John R. Oishei Foundation.
The John R. Oishei Foundation	The John R. Oishei Foundation identifies “More students are prepared to succeed in early childhood education opportunities” and “More families have access to quality alternative educational programs and settings” as part of its funding priorities. These items are listed under: Supporting Self-Sufficiency, Education & Employment. Additionally, the Foundation indicates that it will support: “efforts to build parenting skills and educate parents regarding child development” and “school-readiness programs and evidence-based programs that promote quality early childhood education.”
The John R. Oishei Foundation	The John R. Oishei Foundation provides funding support to Read to Succeed Buffalo in collaboration with The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation.
The Josephine Goodyear Foundation	The Josephine Goodyear Foundation provides funding support for Read to Succeed Buffalo’s Success Center within the East Delavan Branch of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Libraries. The project includes story time, the creation of a children’s space within the library, and other family activities.

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The Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation	Through its Early Childhood Education funding, the Tower Foundation seeks to facilitate improvement in the academic outcomes of youths, pre-kindergarten through grade 8, in ways that will lead to academic success and enhanced opportunities later in life. Focus areas include: 1.) Literacy, language development, and emerging math skills; 2.) Professional development leading directly to improved instruction; 3.) Tools or improved methods for assessing student performance; 4.) Instructor certification training (e.g., Child Development Associate); 5.) Identifying children with learning disabilities and linking them to appropriate services; 6.) Early intervention; and 7.) Reducing barriers to education. Additionally, the Foundation has offered a Preschool Curriculum RFP which seeks to improve school readiness and socio-emotional development of preschool children by providing funds to implement one of seven selected preschool curricula.
The Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation	The Buffalo Preschool CARE (Community Action for Reading Excellence) project is a partnership of Read to Succeed, the Child Care Resource Network (CCRN), Every Person Influences Children (EPIC), United Way of Buffalo & Erie County's Success by 6, WNED-TV and Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo and Erie County. Project CARE's goals are to: 1.) Increase the number of home-based childcare providers in the 14215 "literacy zone" with high quality language and literacy resources and strategies; 2.) Increase the number of at-risk children who are school ready in language and literacy; 3.) Increase the involvement of parents in specific language and literacy development activities with their children in a family literacy model; and 4.) Create a replicable model of excellence for home childcare providers that supports the development of literacy milestones and precursors of literacy readiness for children entering Buffalo's public schools.
United States Department of Education	The US Department of Education has provided funds to work on kindergarten readiness for over 200 three and four year old children in Head Start programs in the literacy zone. The Early Reading First program infuses literacy skills in children's activities, focuses on increased adult/child interaction to improve vocabulary, and encourages parental involvement in home learning. Teachers benefit from working in teams, coaching and increased resources. The project is a partnership of Read to Succeed, Bethel Head Start, Child Care Resource Network, & Buffalo Public Schools.
United Way of Greater Niagara	Provides funding to support organizations working in the areas of mentoring and children's services. The organization is also in talks to begin a "Success by 6" initiative in partnership with Niagara University.

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United Way of Buffalo & Erie County	Provides funding to support organizations working in the areas of language acquisition and literacy, early identification of developmental or learning delays, and parenting education.
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County	Success By 6 works with child care providers to help them deliver the best possible early learning experience to the children in their care through training, mentoring, capacity building activities, and accreditation support.