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## What is Every Child Ready Duluth all about?

Children can't get "school-ready" by themselves—they need adults with them every step of the way, starting in infancy. Caregivers aren't born ready for this task either—they need community support. Through the Every Child Ready Duluth initiative, the library will reach out to community partners to develop a coalition to help bridge the gaps in school readiness in our community, because we know that school-readiness is about a lot more than literacy. Together we will develop a plan to help all families, especially those who are vulnerable and under-resourced, access the resources they need to thrive. We will also support childcare providers with information and resources to strengthen their programs and enrich the children in their care. The ultimate goal is to transform Duluth into a city that is known not only for its love of green spaces and outdoor activities, but also for its love and passion for the growth of its children and support for its families.

### Program Highlights for Year One:

- Meet with community members and organizations to help create a strategic plan for the initiative
- Begin providing outreach programs around the community (at partner organizations, childcare centers, and other community spaces)
- Develop outreach materials to share with other community organizations
- Improve library's play spaces to enhance early learning opportunities for families

### Coming in Year Two:

- *Little Library Go*, a mobile book checkout van to increase community outreach
- Even more outreach programs and services, depending on community needs

### Expected benefits of Every Child Ready Duluth:

- Improved school-readiness for children entering kindergarten
- Improved long-term educational outcomes for children in Duluth
- Increased number of families have access to resources for basic needs and early learning, starting at home
- Increased number of library programs and services available outside library walls across the city
- Increased parent/caregiver knowledge of children's social/emotional and early learning needs and increased confidence as children's first and primary teacher
- Increased educational opportunities for childcare providers and enriched childcare programs

**Interested in getting involved?** Please fill out and return our survey with your information. Access it online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXPZRYZ>, or reach out to us directly.

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