At United Way of South Hampton Roads, we’re on a mission to ensure every child has the same early education opportunities and chance for a bright future, regardless of their background.

1 in 4 children ages 5 and under are at risk of developmental delay or disability.

2/3 of a student’s education is related to factors outside of school.

By age 5, 90% of a child’s brain has developed.

Third graders not reading at grade level have a greater risk of dropping out of school.

Students living in poverty have a higher risk for developmental delays.
WHAT WE DO

• Provide screenings for age-appropriate milestones to detect developmental delays and ensure early intervention
• Support early childhood providers in improving kindergarten readiness
• Work alongside schools to improve 3rd grade reading
• Gift thousands of books to families to build their in-home libraries
• Host Summer LEAP programs to reduce summer slide
• Remove everyday barriers to learning through our Student Needs Fund
• Engage mentors to increase student attendance and classroom engagement
• Promote family literacy

CRADLE TO CAREER APPROACH

Early Childhood Education  Reading at Grade Level by 3rd Grade  Graduation with a Path Toward Self-Sufficiency  Social Emotional Skill Development

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