



ARKANSAS
community foundation

Smart Giving to Improve Communities



Are You **Passionate** About Education?

We can help you have a lasting impact on the lives of young people and the economic future of our communities.

Education begins at birth and continues through all levels of school and right into the workforce. Along the way, young people should acquire the tools they need to become the artists, educators, entrepreneurs, scientists and community leaders of tomorrow — but many are getting left behind.

Our communities need significantly more investment in education starting at earlier ages in order for every student to succeed. Effective programs concentrate on key transition points in a student's education: kindergarten readiness, third grade reading, eighth grade math, college readiness and workforce training.

The ways to influence young people's futures are as dynamic as learning itself, and opportunities for support exist at all stages of development. Here are a sampling of ways to invest in our children's futures:

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Access to quality childcare
- Effective preschooling
- Book-delivery programs
- Early intervention home visits

K-ELEMENTARY

- Parental involvement
- Grade-level reading
- Summer learning
- Chronic absence prevention
- Beyond-textbook learning — field trips, science experiments or library resources

MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL

- Youth mentoring programs
- Literacy & math labs with trained tutors
- Talent development and career discovery
- School-to-job strategies and workforce readiness
- Financial literacy

POST SECONDARY

- GED and adult literacy programs
- Last mile support for degree completion
- Vocational and continuing education
- Residency programs training effective teachers
- Employment training for the developmentally disabled
- Career readiness and workforce solutions
- Loan forgiveness work programs

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