

Wayne RESA Early Childhood Activities

Early Childhood Initiative

Wayne County school districts, for the second year, received from RESA grants to support birth to age five activities in local communities. Activities are planned to raise public awareness on the importance of development & learning in the first five years of life. **Parent education** is the key component of the grant. School district early childhood staff report increased success in reaching and providing information on a variety of topics to families. They have been pleased with the response they have had connecting with local parents and helping them achieve success in their role as the first and most important teacher of their children. Special education prevention activities are imbedded throughout the grant initiative.

Early On

Wayne RESA receives IDEA Early On funds to support early intervention activities for birth to age three children in WC with suspected delays or documented disabilities. Through a countywide partnership with school districts, community mental health agencies, public health departments, hospitals and FIA, RESA refers families to local community providers for direct early intervention services.

Wonder Years

Wayne RESA provides free copies of our award winning Wonder Years newsletter and developmental guides to school districts and community groups throughout Wayne County. As a founding partner of the Wonder Year's partnership, RESA provides editorial and publication over-site for each issue.

Be their Hero from Age Zero

Wayne RESA contributed support the statewide public awareness campaign and received rights to all the promotional materials developed. We are infusing the early learning message into WC by broadcasting the video on our cable channel, distributing posters, bookmarks and brochures to our school district early childhood contacts, community agencies and where appropriate, parents directly.

Wayne RESA receives all referrals for the statewide 888-Be-A-Hero hotline and connects families directly to local school district Early Childhood Initiative contacts. The district staff follow-up with the family and link them to services in their district & community.