Children are naturally curious. Giving them opportunities to explore is important to their learning and success.

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“My shy, speech delayed son is now a confident, social and happy child and I don’t think we could have gotten there without the help and services received by us from both the Pediatric Development Center and Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center.”

– Parent of Early Childhood Education participant at Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center

...2,449 kids prepare for kindergarten

425 children were enrolled in early childhood education programs and 92% of them demonstrated age appropriate language

600 parents/caregivers were enrolled in home visiting programs to become their child’s first teacher and 90% of them used the tools provided by their mentor

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Berkshire Business Intern from Berkshire Business Interns, a program of Lever, Inc.

...7,213 young people develop a plan for college or a career

281 young people were mentored and 81% of them felt connected to caring adults/positive role models

67 young people were enrolled in college and/or work readiness programs and 91% of them considered college/career options

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– Railroad Street Youth Project – RSYP Mentoring Program

...878 local residents increase their income and assets

731 Federal tax returns were filed by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) partners funded by Berkshire United Way

Out of $2.2 mil VITA dollars returned to Berkshire County residents

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