



Making a Difference for Children...

By Educating and Supporting the Adults Who Care for Them

The mission of 4C for Children is to educate and support the adults who care for young children and advocate for public support of quality early education and care for all children. This nonprofit agency was founded in 1972 to address the child care needs of working families in Greater Cincinnati. A regional office opened in Northern Kentucky in 1992, and 4C expanded to the Miami Valley in 2006. From its regional office in Dayton at the Kroc Corps Community Center, 4C serves parents and child care providers in Champaign, Clark, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby counties. 4C partners with United Way of Greater Dayton, ReadySetSoar, local businesses, foundations and individual supporters to achieve the results listed below.

2015 Miami Valley Results

- 447** Workshops delivered to early childhood professionals

- 6,375** Attendees in 4C workshops/courses

- 1,211** coaching/technical assistance visits to 135 programs

- 105** Quality-rated programs (38.3% of all programs licensed by Ohio Department of Job and Family Services)

- 44** Child care providers who completed 4C Child Development Associate (CDA) Preparation Program, the first critical step in improving program quality

- 168,607** Nutritious meals served through the 4C Child Nutrition Program

- 4,888** Hours of respite care provided to 48 families with a special needs child through Wright Patterson Air Force and Navy EFMP

2015 Miami Valley Highlights

Preschool Promise Takes a Leap Forward

Montgomery County decided in 2015 to expand what started as a small pilot serving 35 children in Kettering to a “demonstration model” providing preschool and tuition assistance to 600 to 800 children in 2016. The goal is to take this countywide by 2018 or 2019. 4C is responsible for administering the Montgomery County Preschool Promise. And “quality is essential to this plan,” says Lorna Chouinard, director of 4C Miami Valley Services. That’s why 4C staff has been working diligently to get preschool programs Step Up To Quality-rated.

Dayton-Area Funders Support Better Business Practices in Child Care Programs

Grants from the Frank M. Tait Foundation and the James M. Hewitt Child Welfare Fund of the Greater Dayton Foundation are working together to increase the financial stability of child care programs. Too often programs—even quality-rated ones—end up closing their doors due to financial difficulties. This is disastrous for children as well as for parents who depend on child care to keep their jobs. Foundation funds will allow 4C to offer a five-session course focusing on best business practices, supplemental one-on-one coaching, and a 16-month follow-up learning circle.

4C’s CDA Program Improves Practice for Early Childhood Professionals

4C has long promoted the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. It is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education and the first best step on the path of career advancement for child care providers and critical for programs working to achieve a Step Up To Quality rating. The big obstacle has been cost. Thanks to 4C’s efforts to raise dollars for CDA scholarships, 42 scholarships were awarded to participants in five CDA cohorts during 2015.

MIAMI VALLEY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

