



# Ready by Five

*An early learning program in Yakima, Washington*

**Ready by Five** is an early learning program developed by a partnership of community providers in Yakima to strengthen learning opportunities in East Yakima for families and their children, from birth to five years. **Ready by Five's** goal is to surround children with high quality early learning environments that develop children's potential and creativity, leading them to enter kindergarten ready for success at school.

**Ready by Five** is based on research that links early learning to increases in high school graduation rates, successful employment and life skills and to decreases in crime, violence and drug abuse. **Ready by Five** is funded by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** and a public-private partnership, **Thrive by Five Washington**.



## Ready by Five Program Goals

Yakima parents and providers worked together to develop program goals that will help achieve academic success.

- Parents are valued and equipped as the first and most important teachers of their children.
- Children are healthy and developing age appropriately and well.
- Families provide safe, supportive homes, nurturing strong relationships with their children from birth.
- Neighborhoods and communities support children and families with a friendly, safe environment.
- High quality early learning environments are promoted in all a child's learning settings.
- The demonstration project created can be reasonably sustained and serves as a model of best practices for use in other communities.



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### Ready by Five Program Services

Ready by Five recognizes parents as their children's first and most important teachers. Therefore, our services will support parents and children through:

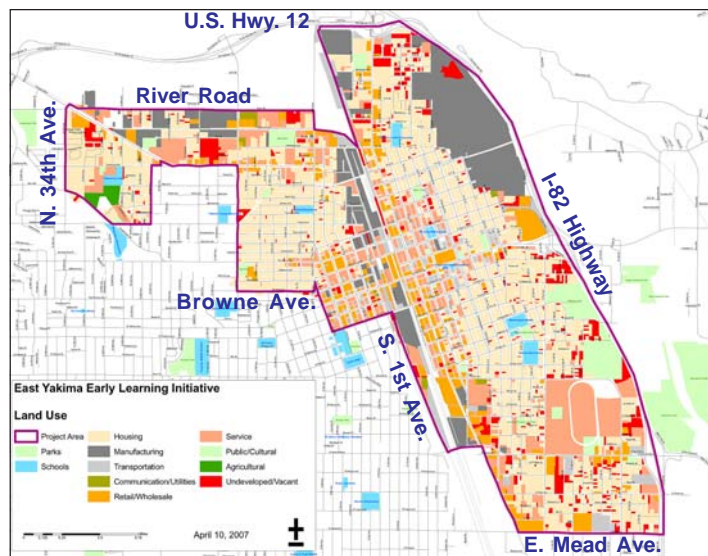
- **Parent support** – Promotores, Home-based Early Learning Visitors, Parents as Teachers, Enhanced First Steps, Nurse Family Partnership, Partners in Parenting Education, Parent Clubs
- **Children's early learning** – Creative Curriculum, a supplemental early literacy curriculum, early literacy coaches, Kindergarten Transition Program and an Educare early learning center for 184 children each year
- **Quality improvement** – Center and home-based quality improvement system, Spanish literacy early learning, I-BEST, scholarships for early learning teacher improvement opportunities

### Ready by Five Plaza

A **Ready by Five** focal point and resource center for high quality early childhood education will be built within the community and will offer relationship-based programs and an architectural design that inspires and creates comfortable environments where adults and children interact and learn together. It will house multiple services and programs for families upon its anticipated opening in mid 2010, during Year Three of the project.

### Ready by Five Program Service Area

Approximately 1,000 parents and 3,700 children will be served.



### Ready by Five Contact Information

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