Early childhood development lays the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health. The experiences children have in their first five years will have a profound impact on their ability to succeed in school, work, and life.

United Way of Northern Arizona works to ensure all children are ready to enter kindergarten and experience academic success by supporting programs that foster social and emotional development, cognitive language skills, and early literacy, mathematics and science learning. This includes:

- Ensuring that families have access to high quality preschools and childcare.
- Promoting kindergarten readiness through KinderCamp™, a summer program to prepare pre-schoolers academically, socially, and emotionally for the classroom setting.
- Fostering a love of reading through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which provides a free book each month to children from birth to age five.

As our children grow up, providing services and opportunities is vital so they can build resiliency and reach their full potential. United Way of Northern Arizona is committed to helping them on this path by:

- Convening community conversations with our youth to best identify the support they need.
- Providing opportunities for youth leadership development.
- Focusing on the mental health and wellness of our children and teens.
- Promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility so that all youth in northern Arizona develop a strong sense of self-worth and belonging.

United Way of Northern Arizona brings people together so that we are United in Purpose. We mobilize communities in Coconino, Navajo, and Apache counties to Step Up for Our Youth, tackling the big challenges in early childhood development and positive youth development. Together, we can drive solutions to make lasting positive changes for the next generation.

We also ensure that the basic needs of safety and security are met for all who live here by directing resources where they are needed most, quickly and efficiently.

Please join us as we build a stronger community and a better future for northern Arizonans.

We can do more United.