



INVESTING IN INNOVATION



ENGAGING FAMILIES, TRANSFORMING LIVES

United Way of Greater Atlanta believes that early education is the springboard for lifelong success. Our mission is to mobilize our community to help tackle critical issues so that all children can succeed in school and in life. Our researched based initiatives are designed to help parents develop positive sustainable practices that lead to a successful transformative future for their children, their families and their communities.

The cornerstone our family engagement efforts is the Partners Advancing Childhood Education (PACE) program, a school readiness initiative that provides technical assistance and resources to ensure all children in metropolitan Atlanta's 13 counties are prepared to be successful in Kindergarten.

To date, PACE has impacted the lives of over 2,000 children and families in the 13 in the greater Atlanta communities. Through strategies of home visiting, family leadership and schools transition, PACE has provided multiple touch points to an enhance child and family wellbeing in Metro Atlanta. PACE also supports training and advocacy in statewide family engagement initiatives as well as the implementation of PACE i3 and PACE Life Path.



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i3: Investing in Innovation

United Way of Greater Atlanta was awarded an Investigating in Innovation (i3) grant in from the U.S. Department of Education for a research study that will help reach more than 900 students in targeted communities within the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Through an in-depth study over a four-year period, United Way of Greater Atlanta will compare groups receiving PACE services to those who are not, to test the theory that equipping parents, families and teachers with knowledge and leadership skills to work together can improve the development and education of high-need student in grades pre-K through third grade.

Our Program Theory

UWGA will take a novel approach to early childhood education by implementing a comprehensive program targeting family engagement and family-school partnerships simultaneously to improve student outcomes, strengthening the ability of families to support their child's education and school staff to build effective home-school partnerships from PreK (ages three to five) through grade three.

Why Our Approach is Novel

- Comprehensive program model from Pre-K to grade three, therefore removing the silo approach.
- Approach is based on research and experience in successful implementation of school readiness and family engagement strategies.
- Further study will provide the opportunity to generate new evidence regarding the individual and combined impact of parent engagement, family-school partnerships, and school readiness initiatives targeting at-risk students.

The PACE i3 Approach

Participants: Elementary Schools; Child Care Centers; Family Child Care Providers; Funding; Parents as Teachers Born to Learn; Incredible Years School Age BASIC; Parent Services Project Parent Leadership Institute; Stronger Together Curricula; PACE Model; PACE Staff; Parents and Families; and Local and National Community Partners

Ready Parents

Improve parent and family engagement in child's education

- Home visitation
- Parent group meetings
- Referral resource network
- Parent leadership institute with parent led community projects

Ready Schools

Build family-school partnerships

- School transition council
- Ongoing professional development
- Year-round transition activities

Ready Students

Increase school readiness and student achievement

- Summer transition academies
- Transition plans
- Developmental and health screenings

Find out what's happening with the United Way of Greater Atlanta's PACE program:



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