

Getting Ready for KINDERGARTEN with



What is SPARK Ohio?

Children who begin school behind their peers are at risk of remaining behind and never catching up. However, if they begin school ready to learn, the chances are much greater that they will ultimately graduate from high school, go on to college, and become successful, productive adults.

SPARK helps families of preschool-age children get ready for kindergarten. This program serves communities with high unemployment rates, high rates of economic disadvantage, and limited access to community resources.

For 13 consecutive years, SPARK children have begun school significantly more ready to learn than their non-SPARK peers in the same classroom.

Local SPARK Community Partners

SPARK Nationwide Children's Hospital

Contact Mickie at 614-355-0714 or email SPARK@NationwideChildrens.org
Zip codes: 43205, 43206, 42307, 43211, 43224

SPARK Action for Children

Contact Abby Alexander at aalexander@actionforchildren.org or call 614-224-0222, ext. 261
Zip codes: 43201, 43203, 43209, 43219, 43068

SPARK YMCA

Contact Alyssa Riddle at 614-832-6725 or email ariddle@ymcacolumbus.org
Zip codes: 43229, 43228, 43204, 43123, 43026, 43119

SPARK Home for Families

Contact Michelle Jones at mjones@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org
Zip codes: 43223, 43232, 43213, 43081, 43085, 43227, 43026, 43119



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