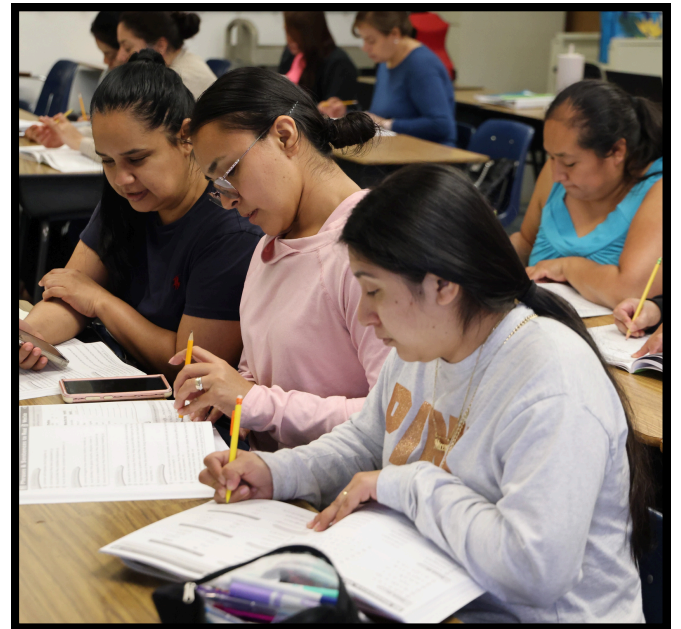


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Children & Adults Served by Educational Services (FY24)



Our dedicated education team positively impacted and served 2,447 children and adults across Dallas, Collin, Ellis, and Kaufman counties. We surpassed our target of serving 1,700 clients and more importantly we met our measured impact goals. We enabled adults to achieve English proficiency, facilitated young children in acquiring new language and cognitive skills, equipped parents to excel as caregivers and educators, enhanced school-age children's literacy and swimming abilities, and conducted over 780 developmental screenings for children under five to identify and address potential developmental delays and learning differences.



"I loved the program. My son and I learned many new things and most of all you awakened a huge interest in reading. My son now loves books and wants us to read everyday. We now have a bedtime routine of reading books together. He sees something different in the books each time. Thank you!" (Luz Vasquez-TWB Parent)

Impact Snapshot



of our parents increased their frequency of reading to their children each week



of TWL children under 5 reached their developmental targets in Language & Cognition



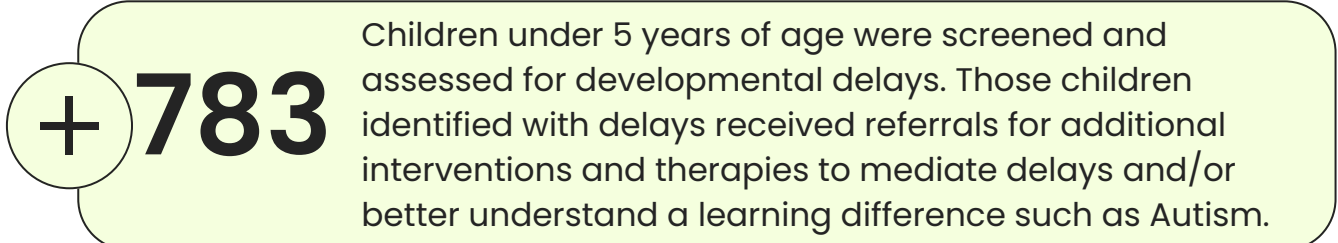
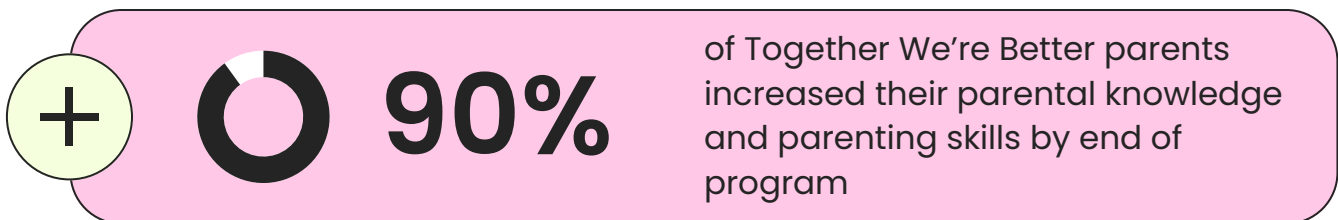
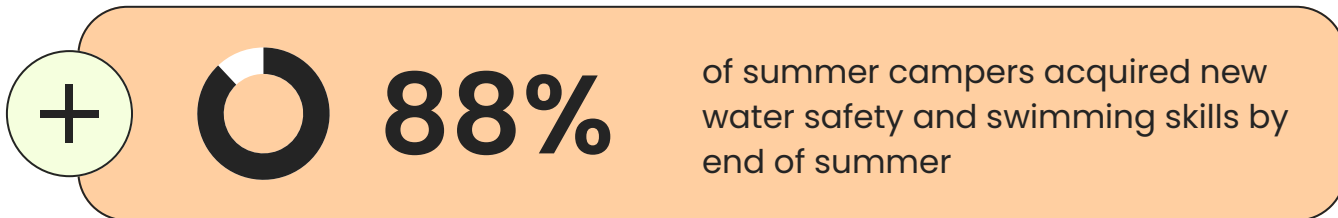
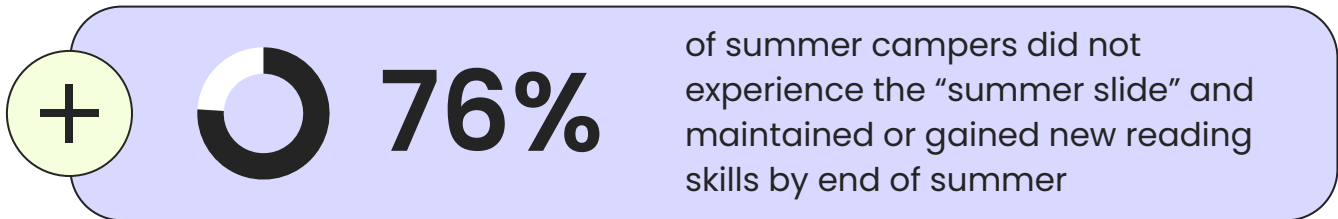
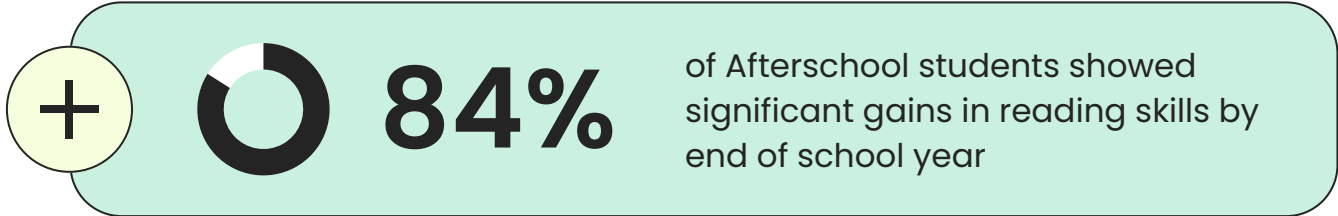
of TWR Adults graduated with a reading English proficiency at a 3rd gr or higher level





Our 12 Together We're Better Partner Sites (FY 2023-2024)

- St. Pius X Parish (East Dallas)
- Success Center (Vickery Meadows)
- Burkhart Elementary-RISD (Esperanza)
- Good Shepherd Parish (Garland)
- St. Michael the Archangel (McKinney)
- Saldivar Elementary-DISD (Bachman Lake)
- Alton Boyd Elementary (Allen ISD)
- St. Luke's Parish (Irving)
- St. Ann's Parish (Kaufman)
- Immaculate Conception Parish (Grand Prairie)
- Segunda Iglesia (Oak Cliff)
- Corpus Christi Parish (Ferris - Ellis)



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children and adults were served through our expansion into East Dallas through our amazing partnership with St. Pius X Parish and School. At this partner site, Together We Learn, Together We're Better and Together We Read programs provided early learning, parenting, and adult literacy services.

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New partnership sites for our Parenting & Early Learning Mobile program - Together We're Better.

- Trinity Basin Charter School (Grand Prairie)
- Harrington Library (Plano)

Client Success Stories



Margarita Estrada is a 43-year-old married mother of five. Her family had been facing many challenges including unemployment and a teenager struggling with mental health issues. The family was struggling to cover their basic needs including rent and utilities. A friend mentioned the TWB program at Good Shepherd in Garland to her. She was interested at first because of the free diapers provided to families and she admitted she did not understand everything in her first few classes. With time, she shared how much she learned from her parenting and early literacy classes. The classes have helped her to be a better mother and treat her children with respect by not yelling and hitting. She has implemented various parenting tools at home and has come to understand the importance of teaching with love and limits. She reads and plays with her children while using positive words and redirection.

Mrs. Estrada shared with the TWB team that she grew up in a household with domestic violence and she grew up thinking this was normal. Since being in the U.S. and being a part of the TWB program, her beliefs have changed on what makes a healthy home for children to learn and thrive. She wants to use her new parenting knowledge to raise her children in a loving, stimulating and enriching home. She wants to leave behind the negative practices from her upbringing and replace them with love and nurturing parenting practices.



Yessenia is married and has two children. Emiliano is 3 ½ years old and Fernando recently turned one. Yessenia enrolled in TWL East Dallas in August 2023 as a referral from another CCD program.

She was interested in a program that would help Emiliano with his language and social development. Prior to entering TWL, Emiliano only spoke a few words and had a difficult time communicating his needs. He was shy and often became frustrated about his inability to communicate effectively with others. Yessenia felt he lacked confidence because of his language and speech delay and as a result he didn't socialize well with other children. Yessenia said, "As a mom, I was worried, I thought it was something much bigger".

Yessenia also wanted to improve her English skills and attend adult literacy classes. She wanted people to understand her better and she desired to improve her reading comprehension. Yessenia stated, "I was looking for a place that was close to where we live, a program that Emiliano and I could attend together".

Since attending TWL, Yessenia has seen several changes in Emiliano. He is saying more words and has become more confident and independent. He can now verbalize his needs without getting frustrated. She feels their communication has improved because he listens and understands what she is saying. She has learned through our screenings that he still needs speech therapy, but his language is much better than when he began TWL. He is also learning how to form and maintain healthy relationships with his preschool peers. She feels he will be ready for Pre-Kindergarten next year.

Yessenia also reports feeling more confident about speaking English and says people understand her much better. She can read books in English with Emiliano and he is able to understand what she has read to him. Yessenia stated, "This is a great program. It is helping me feel better about myself. I'm improving emotionally too".



Thank you for being such an important part of our team where we strive to make a difference in the lives of young children and their families. Our mission continues to build literacy two generations at once.