WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Children who participate in two years of ParentChild+ are 20% more likely to graduate from high school on time than their peers.

Children in the Nurse Family Partnership program have a 7% reduction in behavioral and intellectual problems by age 6.

A recent study of over 30,000 Nurse Family Partnership families showed that pre-term births cost an average of $54,194 while a full time healthy birth averages $4,389 - a significant cost saving.

Research shows that early exposure to STEM has positive impacts across the entire spectrum of learning. For example, early math knowledge not only predicts later math success, it also predicts later reading achievement.

LEADING THE CHARGE
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Here in Central Jersey the United Way focuses on programs that directly affect the lives of young children. Among these are:

**Nurse Family Partnership** benefits not just the families enrolled in the program, but also reduces long-term social service expenditures. Registered nurses trained in the NP program model work with families from pregnancy until the child reaches 2 years old, providing in-home training, medical and developmental screenings as well as access to critically needed healthcare.

**ParentChild+** is a targeted home visitation program for low-income families designed to help prepare children ages 2-4 for academic success. Trained home visitors make twice weekly visits to the home over a 2 year period, rotating between bringing a book or educational toy designed to facilitate effective verbal interaction and help develop critical early language development.

The **Preschool STEM** Committee brings science based activities to preschoolers in a local grammar school. Activities take place three times in the fall and three times in the spring. Volunteers work directly with the children for a morning exploring the basic concepts they will need to earn science.