



## Jumpstart New York

### ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Since 1993, Jumpstart has been helping children from underserved neighborhoods develop kindergarten readiness skills with a consistent track record of success. Jumpstart’s founders believed – and we still believe – that providing equitable early education opportunities to children in underserved communities can help break the cycle of poverty.

Jumpstart seeks to improve the early education field by:

- Supporting the development of key language, literacy, and social-emotional skills for preschool children through **direct service**.
- Cultivating a high-quality **early education workforce**; and
- Inspiring **public support and investment** in high-quality early learning.

Jumpstart’s **evidence-based approach** has enabled us to remain effective and adaptable, consistently driving transformative change for young children year after year. Over nearly three decades, Jumpstart has trained over **60,400 college students and community volunteers** to transform the lives of more than **140,700 preschool children nationwide**.

### HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING WORKS

Jumpstart envisions a world in which every child has the opportunity to thrive. Research supports the idea that high-quality early education opportunities, like those Jumpstart provides, can put children on a path to long-term success—increasing the likelihood they will graduate from high school, attend a four-year college, earn more as adults, and contribute positively to their community. However, **not all children have access to these same critical opportunities early on**. Centuries of systemic inequities have meant that children often have less access to the kinds of early learning experiences that contribute to school readiness just by virtue of the zip code they are born into or the color of their skin.

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

#### Direct Service and Workforce Development

Jumpstart’s direct service program leverages college student volunteers and provides them with at least **40 hours of high-quality training** and additional coaching throughout their service term. Teams of volunteers conduct twice weekly “Jumpstart sessions” and provide additional support outside of the session, enabling **more individualized attention for each child**. Jumpstart volunteers serve a **total of 200-300 hours** over the course of the school year. The foundational Jumpstart experience leads many volunteers into the

#### Engage With Us

- Join our advocacy network to support policy solutions for EEC
- Partner with us or support our program
- [Apply to serve](#)
- Can we serve your early education program? Refer a program partner



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#### Serving NY FY22



- 77 Classrooms
- 909 Children Served
- 219 Corps Members
- 9 Higher Education Partners

#### Some Neighborhoods Served

East New York, South Jamaica, Queens Village, Lower Eastside, Flatbush, South Bronx, Shore Parkway, Queens Village, Crown Heights



early childhood education (ECE) field. An overwhelming majority (84%) of recent Jumpstart alumni said the program deepened their interest in working with young children, with 57% reporting they would seriously consider a career in ECE. Jumpstart believes an intentional, systemized focus on supporting volunteers' ECE workforce readiness skills will develop a **diverse pipeline of early educators** who are better **prepared for the demands of teaching**, more likely to **remain in the field** and who will **provide a high-quality education experience for all children** they instruct.



### Community Programs:

Jumpstart expands the service of children from the school to the community through Community Impact programming. Through strategic partnerships with advocacy coalitions and CBOs like the NYC Reads Initiative and City's First Readers, we serve additional neighborhoods through supplemental school year and summer programming, as well as through joint community events with partner organizations (i.e., Family Academy programs, literacy fairs, library events, park events etc.) Some regular programs include:



- Community Outreach events: Book Donations, Volunteer Engagement etc.
- Family Academy: Monthly family literacy and at home learning events
- Jumpstart Summer Program: 6-8 week In-classroom service during the summer
- Jumpstart for a Day



### Policy & Advocacy

In order to drive systemic change in the early childhood field, we must also advocate for and champion policies at the local, state, and federal level. With **over 60,400 alumni** working in a variety of sectors including early childhood, Jumpstart is in a unique position to shape and inform the policy debate. Jumpstart focuses our advocacy on four key topic areas: accessible high-quality early childhood education; a professional, stable, and well-compensated early education workforce; affordable higher education that incorporates valuable workforce training opportunities; and a commitment to national service. Through engagements with elected officials, educators, families and higher education institutions and collaboration with NY city and State advocacy coalitions like Campaign for Children and The Empire State Campaign for Child Care, we support policy advancements that create true universality in early education systems.

Some of Jumpstart's NY policy priorities include:

- Higher education equity and early educator training, compensation, and loan forgiveness
- Culturally responsive books and learning materials for children
- State-wide Universal Pre-Kindergarten
- Improved Data Collection for Preschool Discipline

