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There are over 13 million children nationwide who are living with and being raised by **grandparents** due to issues like poverty, substance abuse, parental disability, or other forms of family crisis.
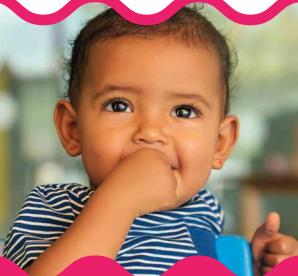
OFFERING *a Lifeline* THROUGH EARLY LEARNING

Early childhood is a critical developmental period, and the skills gained during the first few years of life have profound, lifelong impacts on academic achievement, social and emotional functioning, and economic stability.

As they grow into adulthood, children who have received strong educational support in early childhood are less likely to:

⭐ **Drop Out of School**

⭐ **Struggle With Unemployment**

⭐ **Live in Poverty**

⭐ **Get Involved in Criminal Activity**

⭐ **Be Incarcerated**

The mission of the Ascension Early Childhood Ready Start Network is to **locate and serve families** who are at risk of encountering these difficulties—including families with grandparents raising grandchildren—by providing access to quality early childhood education programs for children from birth to 4 years old.

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WHY *You* SHOULD BECOME A

GRANDbassador

The Ascension Parish Ready Start Network is dedicated to increasing the number of children in our community who enter Kindergarten on time and well prepared, providing them with a strong foundation to achieve success in school and beyond.

When you become a **GRANDbassador** for the Ascension Early Childhood Ready Start Network, you can help families in need find valuable resources and invest in the future of our entire community.

Join grandparents like you who are committed to raising awareness of our free and low-cost early childhood education programs and guiding local families toward life-changing solutions to some of our toughest challenges.

Early childhood education facilitates the growth and development of young minds by:

⭐ **Improving school readiness and academic performance**

⭐ **Reducing the need for special education services**

⭐ **Cultivating problem-solving abilities**

⭐ **Encouraging creativity and "out of the box" thinking**

⭐ **Modeling important social concepts like cooperation empathy, and conflict resolution**

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