

# United Way of Hernando County's



## READ to Me



### 2023 Parent/Caregiver Survey Results

152 responses were gathered from United Way's "Read to Me" Survey, helping measure the impact of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program on Hernando preschool children, birth to age 5.

# 77%

of caregivers believe that by receiving free, high quality & age appropriate books every month it has enhanced their child's early learning and literacy skills!

27% of responses are from families of children who have been enrolled less than a year on the Program.

United Way Received Responses From:

- 125 MOTHERS
- 7 FATHERS
- 15 GRANDMOTHERS
- 3 AUNTS
- 1 CAREGIVER/ADOPTIVE PARENT

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of children LOVE to read, and have a positive attitude towards reading!

On average, how many minutes per day do parents read aloud to their children?



- 0-10 Minutes (17.76%)
- 10-20 Minutes (36.84%)
- 20-30 Minutes (30.26%)
- 30-60+ Minutes (13.82%)

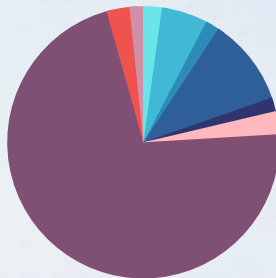
Top identified barriers to reading for 20 minutes every day:

- Child gets easily distracted (short attention span, etc)
- Busy schedules (siblings, school activities, work, etc.)
- Finding unique ways to engage special needs children with story time

### Demographics of Children Currently Enrolled

\*Please note these percentages ONLY represent 2023 survey responses submitted and is not the total representation of actual preschool children enrolled

- Asian (2.63%)
- Black/African American (6.58%)
- Native American (1.97%)
- Hispanic/Latino (13.16%)
- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino (3.29%)
- White (87.50%)
- Prefer not to answer (3.29%)
- Other (1.97%)



United Way continues to gather data on enrolled populations and demographics in hopes of enhancing Program outreach efforts within all sectors of our community. This information is not collected at enrollment, due to general requirements & regardless of applying household's economic status. This data is solely gathered from willing caregiver participation.

\*Hernando County's Population "QuickFacts" may be found by visiting [www.Census.gov](http://www.Census.gov)

# 51%

of kids enrolled in DPIL know and can recite their ABCs!



# 48%

of families have library cards & regularly visit their local library.



# 71%

of children have limits for screen time.



# 79%

of parents encourage their kids to read out loud to them.



# 36%

of households are raising their children to be bilingual.



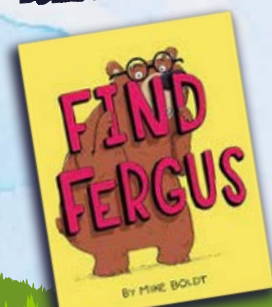
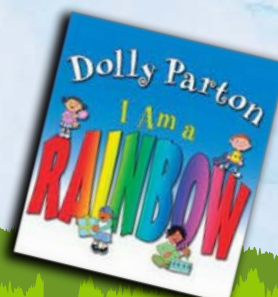
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of children can speak using complete sentences.



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of caregivers stress the importance of reading.



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