

## Educare Randomized Control Trial and Age 5 Assessments: \$792,225 across three different grants

Grounded in research, Educare is a full-day, full year early care and education program for low income children birth to age 5. It is focused on narrowing or closing the achievement gap by kindergarten entry as a foundation for success in school and in life. Using a randomized clinical trial design, researchers consented, conducted initial assessments and randomly assigned 239 children and their families (from five Educare schools) to treatment and control groups. They began following the children and their families, measuring children's cognitive, language, social-emotional and executive functioning outcomes, including a longitudinal follow-up of the children before they enter kindergarten. This project is led by Drs. Noreen Yazejian and Donna Bryant at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.