

# Evaluation Report 2019

SUPER SATURDAY SESSIONS





## INTRODUCTION

The Arts Over ACEs Center utilizes the national award-winning Books Alive! For Kids ® performing arts literacy program to build stronger families while improving literacy outcomes.

It is designed to help mitigate the lasting impact adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) such as poverty and abuse have on children's well-being and educational attainment by engaging the whole family in arts-based programming, which strengthens parent-child relationships and builds literacy and life skills.

The Arts Over ACEs center was generously supported by The Cincinnati Project.

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

Families in the Bond Hill area were invited to attend twelve (12) Arts Over ACEs *Super Saturday Sessions* at Learning Through Art.

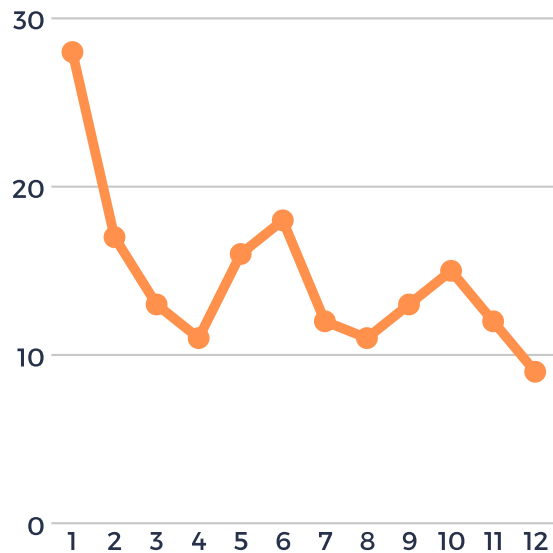
Utilizing Books Alive! For Kids® Backpacks, parents read books with their kid(s) and helped them create crafts associated with the story. This was done to help bring the story to life and increase kids' engagement and interest in reading.

A program coordinated assisted kids with completing surveys and helped evaluate the effectiveness of the program by observing kids during related activities.

The following is an evaluation of Arts Over ACEs Super Saturday Sessions conducted in Spring 2019. It is based on data from 28 kids and 19 parents.



# Results



## ATTENDANCE DROPPED

Initially, attendance was near capacity as 28 kids came with 19 adults. However, as the sessions continued attendance waned.

Over the life of the program there was an average attendance of about 15 kids..

Because attendance was inconsistent, many pre- and post-program assessments could not be conducted. However, session surveys and observations were still performed.

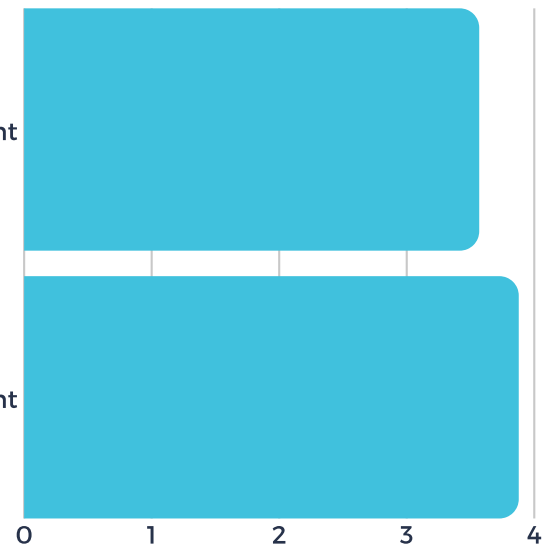
## THE PROGRAM WAS ENGAGING

Of kids observed in the program, nearly all exhibited behaviors that suggested they were attentive and engaged during program activities

On average, it was reported that reading engagement was 3.56 and craft engagement was 3.87, both out of 4. While kids interest in the stories was 3.5 out of 6.

Reading engagement

Craft engagement



# 89%

Of kids liked the books read in the program

# 82%

Of parents reported that their kids seemed to be more confident readers

# 90%

Of kids believed their parents helped them learn new words