

UpSpring

Report of Findings for UpSpring 360 2020

Executive Summary

We have seen that the population of children experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky is among the most negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In our years of empowering these students with education and enrichment programming, we have learned that amidst the inconsistencies, stress, and upheaval in their personal lives, what carries them through is powerful programming like ours. Our UpSpring Summer 360° program takes these children away from the negativity and provides a positive challenge which encourages them to grow. We know that Summer 360° was needed this summer more than ever, and we re-designed it to adapt and serve in an effective, safe, impactful way. This year we delivered curated cases of learning and enrichment materials including new tablets and internet service, as well as survival needs like food and clothing. Due to the fatigue of virtual learning our students experienced in the spring, we were unable to accurately measure math and reading progress over the summer months, though we know anecdotally that improvements were made. We did successfully track our impact on social-emotional learning and empowerment, which you'll find in the following pages.

For several years, there are significant findings showing real-world impact in the lives of our Summer 360° students. It is my pleasure to present the evaluation findings of UpSpring 360° for Summer 2020.



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UpSpring 360: Cincinnati

After camp:

- 95% of children felt healthy
- 100% of children felt they could be successful at school
- 95% of children had hope for the future
- 95% of children felt good about themselves
- 90% of children indicated camp was enriching
- 85% of the children felt they have friends who listen
- 75% of the children were prepared for the school year
- 95% of the students reported having new experiences
- Campers reported feeling less lonely (90%)

UpSpring 360 Cincinnati Playing Outside

- Campers reported playing outside more (89%) after participating in camp.

UpSpring 360 Cincinnati Food Security

- Campers reported having enough to eat (89%) after participating in camp.

UpSpring 360: Northern Kentucky

After camp:

- 100% of campers felt smart
- 75% of kids felt healthy
- 94% felt that they could be successful at school
- 81% of campers had hope for the future
- 88% felt good about themselves
- 94% felt enriched through camp
- 88% had friends that listened to them
- 69% felt prepared for the next school year
- 81% reported having had new experiences
- After camp, 88% of students reported feeling less lonely; 94% reported feeling happy.

UpSpring 360 Northern Kentucky Playing Outside

- Campers reported playing outside more (63%) after participating in camp.

UpSpring 360 Northern Kentucky Food Security

- Campers reported having enough to eat more (87%) after participating in camp.

Note: Each statistic used cases with available complete data. Items had varying numbers of cases.