Preble Mini Minds | 2026 Q3 Report

Growing Minds. Strengthening Our Community.



Quarter 3 At a Glance

146
Children Served

16
Children Receiving PMM Scholarships

52
Children supported by publicly funded childcare

5
Community Partners Engaged

3 EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS | 12 FAMILIES SUPPORTED THROUGH EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS.

A Message from Our Director

Preble Mini Minds continues to grow—serving 146 children this quarter while strengthening our teaching team. Three educators have completed the Child Development Associate program, and three more are expected to finish by year-end. Summer learning centered on gardening, science and math. With Ohio State University Extension, we added a sensory garden to our playground, we also created an occupational therapy area for children working toward individualized goals. Providing quality early education requires skilled teachers and reliable community support. We continue seeking grants and business partnerships that make high-quality care accessible. We invite you to be part of the Mini Minds family.

Christi Reveal, Executive Director

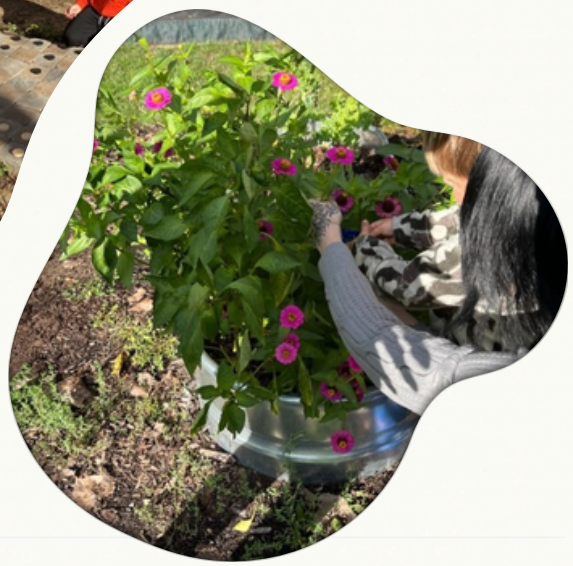
OUR Mission

To ensure high-quality childcare, education, and healthy development strategies that strengthen Preble County families and the community.

Curiosity takes root.

Through play-based learning, hands-on science and rich relationships, children build the language, thinking and social-emotional skills that prepare them for what comes next.





> "The teachers are all really nice."
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> -Presley, The Village: School Age Classrooom

A summer of STEAM

Preble Mini Minds integrated gardening, science and math into everyday learning, especially preschool and school-age classrooms. Children welcomed the Bug Guy, karate instruction from Mr. Thomas and Ohio State University Extension educators.

A sensory garden for everyone

OSU Extension in Preble County received a grant supporting installation of a sensory garden on the back playground, adding new ways for children to explore and learn outdoors.

Meeting children where they are

An occupational therapy area was added to support children working with therapists on Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals.

Connection builds empathy

Toddlers and older infants use Baby Doll Circle Time, a Conscious Discipline practice that teaches connection and empathy; new staff will receive training to expand its use.

Great educators make the difference.



3
educators completed CDA training

all
staff attended countywide Conscious Discipline Professional Development Day

Conscious Discipline Training

Hosted with support from United Way and local partners, the countywide professional learning day brought together PMM staff, school districts, the ESC and other educators to strengthen school-family connections and help children develop self-regulation.

Meet Ella Newton

Ella began volunteering at PMM while a high school senior in spring 2025. After graduation she joined the school-age team full time, then moved into the infant classroom and began the CDA program. Her growing expertise in planning, reading and language helps our youngest children feel welcomed and supported.



3
EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

12
FAMILIES SUPPORTED THROUGH EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

It Takes a Village



Strong childcare supports children, families and a thriving local workforce.

ASSISTANCE AND DISCOUNTS PROVIDED SO FAR THIS YEAR: $55,103

PMM scholarships	$37,897
Employer Discounts	$13,947
Employee discounts	$3,258

PMM's tuition rates do not cover the full cost of providing high-quality care. Community investment helps bridge that gap, supports need-based scholarships for families who do not qualify for state funding, and contributes to competitive pay, professional development and benefits that attract and retain qualified teachers.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

GROUNDWORK OHIO VISITS PREBLE COUNTY

Access to affordable, high-quality childcare is essential to both early learning and family economic stability. Statewide polling conducted for Groundwork Ohio and the First Five Years Fund in August 2026 found that 70% of Ohio voters support publicly funded childcare assistance for eligible working families.

During its August visit to PMM, Groundwork Ohio recognized our scholarship and employer-partnership model as a local response to gaps in childcare affordability. Together, government assistance, employer partnerships, philanthropic support, and nonprofit programs can help more families access quality early education while supporting the workforce of today and tomorrow.

Read the article at Groundwork Ohio: https://www.groundworkohio.org/post/groundwork-ohio-roadshow-2026-miami-preble-counties

STATE LEADERS SHOW INTEREST IN THE EFFECTS OF HIGH QUALITY CARE AND EDUCATION

Congressman Warren Davidson visited during the summer to hear about early childhood education challenges. Groundwork Ohio, candidate Phil Plummer and local leaders also toured PMM to discuss the barriers parents face and the importance of sustained access and funding.

A STAR IS BORN
PREBLE Mini Minds

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