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Arm Your Child With Music

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Local 4 musician Keith M. Jackson enjoys an active schedule balancing his educational and performance opportunities.

While he has experienced the thrill of performing throughout the United States and Africa, Jackson also presents educational work-

shops and training programs to teachers and childcare workers on incorporating music and language literacy in the classroom in several area schools and academies.

Jackson has presented workshops at the National Head Start Conference, National Association for the Education of Young Children, at colleges, childcare centers and other accredited organizations.

Arm Your Child With Music is also designed to prevent and resolve problems of at-risk youths. These workshops fulfill the requirements of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services.

The compositions and activities in this program teaches preschoolers early music concepts and promote kindergarten readiness, socialization, literacy, motor skills, abuse prevention and self-awareness.

A sample of song titles are: 'All My Friends Are Different', 'Don't Play With Matches', 'I Want To Live To Grow Up', 'Pay Attention Rap' and 'Yes, Please and Thank You'.

Jackson relocated back to the Cleveland region to assist in health care for his mother. With a BA in Music and MS in Education administration, he has served as music teacher at Noble Academy, and Bellefaire school and as Assistant Principal at Hope Academies. In addition to being an active jazz and church musician, he currently provides Step Up to Quality trainings through Starting Point and the Ohio Professional Development Network for Early Childhood Education.

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Jackson's music education program, Arm Your Child With Music, meets the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards and Kindergarten Readiness. These qualities, accompanied by committed parents and teachers, will assist children to be mentally and physically prepared to enter and progress through the early childhood years.

As the Creative Director and Educational Consultant of the program, Jackson enables children and adults alike to realize improvements in

