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“Enroll High Needs Children into High Quality Early Learning Programs”
High Needs Children

Priority

• Homelessness

Secondary

• Family Income below 100%
High Quality – ExceleRate Illinois

- Licensed Child Care
- Licensed Family Child Care
- Head Start
- Preschool For All
- Preschool Expansion*
Investments

- RTT-ELC Funds - Staffing & Capacity Building
- Repurpose & Redirect – Blend & Braid
- Social Capitol of Collateral Agencies & Partners
- Grants - Business & Private Foundations
All Roads Lead to Learning!
Greater East St. Louis Data

• 4,000 children birth - five years of age
• 3,000 early learning program capacity – 800 high quality
• 68% of children birth
Additional Data

• Survey Monkey - Program Inventories
• Parent Cafés
• Parent Canvassing/Surveys
• Mapping
• Innovation Zone High Needs Population Data
Creating the Conditions For Success
Cross Sector-Systems Partners

- Parents - Families
- Child Welfare
- Health/Mental Health
- Early Learning
- Government
Innovation Zone Goals

1. Quality
• To create a community where all Greater East St. Louis early childhood programs are invested and participate in ExceleRate Illinois, demonstrating their commitment to creating high quality early childhood experiences for all Greater East St. Louis children resulting in prepared and successful early learners, highly qualified staff, and family and community engagement.

2. Screening & Outreach
• Develop a community wide, systemic and sustainable approach, designed to increase awareness, access, and utilization of developmental screenings for Greater East St. Louis children 0-5 years of age and referrals to early childhood services and programs.

* Family Engagement & Professional Development
Quality Strategies

• ExceleRate Illinois Participation
• Continuous Quality Improvement
• Professional Learning Community, “Gathering”
• Coaching & Technical Assistance
• Internal Systems to Collect & Use Data
• Scholarships & Matching Funds
• Workforce Supports
Screening & Outreach Strategies

• Child Find Roles & Responsibilities
• Parent Input & Leadership
• Messages & Messengers
• Purchase ASQ-3 Online System & Family Access
• Capacity Building – Screening Leaders
• Universal Intake & Referral Process
• Quarterly Community-wide Screening & Registration
• Data Dialogues
• Engage Non-traditional Partners
Greater East St. Louis: Ready, Set, Enroll!
High Quality Early Learning Programs & Services

Partner agency meets family with children 0-5 years of age

Is family ready to enroll child in a program?

Yes

Partner agency assesses ages of children, refers family to Early Learning programs, gives family enrollment packet,

0-3 years of age
• Early Head Start
• Healthy Start
• Proving a Sure Start

0-5 years of age
• Child Care Centers
• Early Learning Readiness
• Family Child Care
• Parents Too Soon

Give family CCR+R information for later family support 800-467-9200

NO

4 years of age
• More at Four

3-5 years of age
• Head Start
• Preschool For All

Child enrolled in a High Quality Early Learning program – supports school readiness goal!

GESTL-IIZ Team collects data on program capacity, enrollment, and wait lists
Do you have children under age 5?

Yes

- How many children under 5?
  - Record on log

  Would you attend a developmental screening June 15-July 2 sponsored by the IZ and District 189 at Vivian Adams? Apply to enroll.
  - Record on log

No

- Thanks for your time.
  - Can you please share this flier/coupon with a friend or relative?

No children – Thanks for your time.

What are the most important considerations in your decision to enroll your child in an early childhood programs?

- Yes – Record on log

  Share flier, coupon, tip sheet.
  - Ask: Will you call to make an appointment?

  Do you want a reminder call? Ask for contact info (name, #).
  - Record on log

- No, I have already attended
  - How was the experience? What could make the experience better?
  - Record on log

  No, not interested
  - What are some reasons why it was challenging?
  - Record on log

Thanks for your time. Can you please share this coupon flier with a friend or relative?
Questions
Considerations
Common Agenda

“Every child birth to kindergarten in the State of IL enters kindergarten safe, healthy, ready to succeed, and eager to learn with ready access to comprehensive services, with a focus on children with high needs.”

“The Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership envisions a community where every child has the knowledge, skills, and dispositions for kindergarten success.”
Safety & Trust

Progress moves at the speed of trust.

Strive for progress not perfection.

Trust the process!
Shared Definitions & Language

At Risk  High Needs  Teen Parent  Homeless  Special Needs PFA  CFC  CCR+ R  IAFC  IEP  CQI  AFS  ELC  PI  AOK
Foster Linkages & Connections
Maximize Resources

Human/Social

Financial
Innovation

Out Of the Box
Evaluation

• Reflective Practice
• Feedback Loops
• Qualitative
• Quantitative
Celebrate Small Wins

Share your Story
What Can We Scale? Sustain?

Scale Up
“Policies, hidden rules, & practice”

Scale Deep
“Changing relationships, cultural values and beliefs, dissemination with people hearts and minds”

Scale Out
“Increase replication and dissemination with people and communities”
Questions
Systems Building in Action

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Southwest Maricopa Regional Council Partnership
First Things First
Maricopa County Regions
ENGAGING COMMUNITIES: WHAT WORKS!

- Southwest makes up 23% of Maricopa County
- SW Maricopa includes rural and urban areas across 4,325 square miles
- 1 out of 10 kids under 5 live in this region
- #1 concern is impact of poverty on families
- Infrastructure and transportation challenges
• The Southwest Maricopa Regional Partnership Council has celebrated huge progress in its efforts to reach across the vast region.

• The launch of Family Resource Centers has created a hub for early childhood information and referrals serving families and has also become a center of the community.

• The main use for these resource centers is to develop service system coordination.
Examples of Service Coordination Approaches
Family Resource Centers

Family Support

Early Learning

Children’s Health
• Identifying agencies that have the capacity to organize and implement service delivery through the family resource center model
• Lack of facilities and infrastructure to house these programs in the rural area
• Support and services for families
• These strategies coordinate and integrate with existing education and information systems to expand families’ access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources to support their children’s optimal development
• The Buckeye Family Resource Center AND Buckeye Elementary School District

• Care1st Avondale Resource & Housing Center AND the City of Avondale AND Care1st Health Plans of Arizona

• Pendergast Family Resource Center AND the Pendergast Elementary School District WITH Northwest and Phoenix South Regional Council Partnerships

• Gila Bend Family Resource Center AND the Town of Gila Bend
SERVICES

- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) application and renewal services
- Programming for families with children 0-5 years of age
- Support for pregnant and parenting teenagers
- Job search and career counseling
- Legal aid services
- Application assistance and referral for medical insurance and cash assistance program
- Citizenship classes
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) services
- GED and ESL classes and referrals
- Domestic abuse support group and referrals
- Training and support for child care providers
- Utilities assistance
- Housing assistance and referrals
Family Resource Centers

EARLY LEARNING
Parent Education
Quality First/scholarships  Home Visitation
Literacy initiatives

FAMILY SUPPORT AND LITERACY
Family Resource Centers
Family, Friends and Neighbor Care
Family Support for Children with Special Needs
Home Visitation

HEALTH
Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity
Oral Health
Health Insurance Enrollment
OUTCOMES

- Access to a higher standard of early learning
- Scholarships
- Families accessed early childhood sources
- Family access to basic support services
- In-home visits
- Parenting Classes
THANK YOU!

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Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership
What is the Transformation Zone and who is in it?

Beaufort

Bertie

Chowan

Hyde
Family Support Strategies

- Family Connects
  Home Visiting Program

- Triple P
  Positive Parenting Program

- Early Literacy Initiatives
  BABY (Birth and Beginning Years)
  Motheread/Fatheread, Story Exploring, &
  Reach Out and Read
What types of Technical Assistance and Supports did we have?

At the Local Level:
- Lead Agency Personnel
- Implementation Coach
- Implementation Team
- Leadership Team

Partners at the State or National Level:
- North Carolina Partnership for Children
- National Implementation Research Network
- ABle Change, Michigan State University with Dr. Pennie Foster-Fishman and Dr. Erin Watson, developers of the framework
- State Implementation Team
What did we do?

- Used Implementation Science to implement 10 programs
- Used ABle Change Framework
  Conducted Parent Surveys and facilitated Focus Groups to learn more about “our” community conditions
- Used Information/data gathered to better implement programs
- Developed a Strategic Plan
What did we learn?

Barriers for Families participating in services/resources available to them include:

- Access to programs (location, times offered, and transportation issues)
- A lack of trust with local agency staff
- Parent’s don’t know where to go to get information
- No clear definition of “school readiness”

Barriers for Agency Staff:

- Lack of trust with parents
- Pre-conceived ideas (parents are lazy, they don’t care, not interested, etc.)
- No clear definition of “school readiness”
As a result...

Public Library is now open on Saturdays and is used for parenting classes and tutoring.

A School Readiness Visual Tool has been developed and is being used to “define” school readiness.

Agency Mixer
Is your child ready for school?

School readiness means that each child enters school ready to participate in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child’s ability, development, and success!

The first 2000 days of a child’s life are crucial in preparing for a child’s success in school.

You are your child’s first teacher! Help prepare your child for success!

For more information, contact:

Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership           White Oak Elementary School

(252) 482-3035      (252) 221-4078

Chowan C.A.R.E.S. Children’s Alliance to Realize Educational Success

Knows full name          Reads and writes own name
Uses pictures to tell stories   Knows home address
Speaks five or six words sentences

Child is curious
Child persists in activities
Continues in tasks that are challenging
Child plays in groups or pairs
Child initiates learning experiences

Eats a balanced diet
Gets plenty of rest
Receives immunizations
Completes medical exams
Runs, jumps and does other activities

Plays and shares with others
Follows simple rules/ routine
Shows curiosity
Explores new things
Works well alone

- Sorts and classifies objects
- Identifies basic colors
- Learning to recognize & name general shapes
- Counts up to 30
- Counts sets of objects up to 10

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State Level Partners

State Leadership Team

- National Implementation Research Network
- State Agencies and
- North Carolina Partnership for Children

- State Implementation Team
- Chowan Leadership Team
- Chowan Implementation Team

Chowan Implementation Coach
Chowan County Leadership Team
Chowan CARES (Children’s Alliance to Realize Educational Success)

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