Data from a Local Perspective
San José, California

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**Early Learning Master Plan**

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2006 Readiness Scores of Santa Clara County Children with and without Preschool Experience

Adapted from Applied Survey Research-2009, School Readiness in Santa Clara County Data Combined Cumulative Risk Factors by Zip Code

Overall Self-Care and Motor Skills
Self-Regulation
Social Expression
Kindergarten Academics

3.38 3.56 3.42 3.37
3.16 3.32 3.18 3.08
2.80 3.13 3.10 3.08

Legend
Total Caring Points
0 2,6
0 7,9
0 10,16 average
0 11,19
0 24,29
0 30

Combined factor was calculated relative to the County average. The darker the color, the greater the cumulative risk.
Risk factor ratings within zip code areas were developed for:
- Mother with no high school degree
- Teenage mother
- Low birth weight
- Late entry in prenatal care
- Substandard housing
- Substance abuse
- Domestic violence
- Family/social problems
- Mental health
- Drug use
- Criminal activity
- DUI
- Elevated/low lead levels

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- Comprehensive 0-5 services
- Model Pre-School for every child
- Schools of choice
- Academic Interventions (Saturday, After school, Summer)
- Housing/rental assistance
- Neighborhood improvements
- Safe and secure streets
- Financial counseling/micro loans
- Credit Union access
- Adult education and job training
- Career/employment services
- Family and parent counseling
- Foster child placement stability
- Gang prevention services
- After-school/Saturdays Music/Music
- Post-secondary financial assistance
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Using Data to Design Programs
FMSD Kindergarten Transition Program

- Existing Data for Program Design
  - Multi county-wide data showing importance of social-emotional development
  - High-need risk factor assessments
  - Review of best practices examples

- Program Design
  - Strong emphasis on social-emotional development
  - Kindergarten teachers in the classrooms, designed by both early educators and K-8 staff
  - Strong coordination with preschool system to prioritize program for children who do not have access to preschool
  - Incentive program to support long-term developmentally appropriate kindergarten environments
  - Family engagement components through collaborations with community family resource center
Data Collection to Assess Short- and Long-Term Outcomes

- Developmental screenings done almost immediately upon program commencement to ensure children/families with needs are getting resources in a timely manner
- Data collection and analysis being used for short-term outcomes
  - Kindergarten readiness tool (pre-/post-test design)
  - Collection of data for development screenings
- Improvement areas identified to enhance replication efforts
Assets and Challenges

Challenges

- Lack of uniform child identifiers
- Numerous data sources, multiple storage locations
- Transforming philosophy about the importance of early learning into practice (i.e., policies at local level to serve as catalysts for change)
- Fiscal uncertainty
- Professional development on data collection (fidelity) and use for continuous program improvement
- Local programs may already be using software systems for early learning programs which will need to be taken into account when developing a state system
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- **Assets**
  - Strong collaborations and diverse partners committed to data collection and information sharing
  - Deep commitment of partners to use available data for program design and continuous improvement
  - Many data interests for city (and county) aligned with state’s direction for early learning
  - Region utilizes data to innovate new programs and systems to benefit children
Additional Resources

City of San José, Early Care and Education Services: www.sjpl.org
Santa Clara County Office of Education: www.sccoe.org
First 5 Santa Clara County: www.first5kids.org
Franklin-McKinley School District: www.fmsd.org
Partnership for School Readiness: www.sccpsr.org
Local Early Education Planning Council of Santa Clara County: www.sccoe.org/depts/lpc
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