Santa Clara County Early Learning Master Plan

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Presentation Overview

• Key Features and Strategic Areas
• Plan Development and Community Engagement
• First Year Accomplishments and Next Steps
• How to Get Involved
Key Features

- Birth through third grade focus
- 2-, 5-, and 7-year goals in six strategic areas
- Strategically leverages existing work, accomplishments, and investments in the county
- Implementation based on shared leadership and win-win collaborations
- Early learning strategy for SJ2020
Key Features: Guiding Principles

- **Developmental continuum**, spanning 0-8 years
- Equitable **access** for all young children
- Authentic, transformational **collaborations**
- **Innovation** and calculated risk-taking
- **Diverse delivery systems**
- **Quality** and excellence
Santa Clara County P-16 Strategic Vision for Student Success

County/City

Neighborhood/District

Intensive Strategy

Early Learning Master Plan

SJ2020

Franklin- McKinley Children’s Initiative (FMCI)

-Educare
-Kindergarten Transition Program
-Screenings
-Family Resource Centers
Strategic Areas

Child Success (0-8)

- Parent Engagement
- Articulation and Alignment
- Data Management
- Quality
- Workforce
- Facilities
Plan Development and Community Engagement

- 2009—Over 100 stakeholders participate in year-long planning process to develop the plan
- Winter/Spring 2010—Plan is vetted with stakeholders and published
- Summer 2010—Advisory and Working Committees established; first year implementation underway
- Fall 2010—Plan is officially unveiled and implementation launched
- May 2011—First year of implementation completed; accomplishments and next steps determined
Year 1 Accomplishments

- City of San José Smart Start Initiative received a federal allocation to develop quality guidelines
- City of San José was selected as a national case study for the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education, and Families Early Learning Initiative
Year 1 Accomplishments

- FIRST 5 Santa Clara and its partners launched 15 Family Resource Centers for family engagement, to support school readiness.
- Franklin McKinley Children’s Initiative developed a new summer kinder academy for incoming kindergarten students.
Year 1 Accomplishments

- Santa Clara County was one of only three counties in the state invited to plan the development of an Educare Center.
- SCCOE invited to lead statewide and local strategic planning and implementation efforts for transitional kindergarten.
  - Hosted South Bay Regional Transitional Kindergarten Conference.
Year 2: Next Steps

- City of San José Smart Start Initiative implementing quality guidelines for its sites
- Franklin McKinley Children’s Initiative enhancing and expanding the summer kindergarten transition program
• FIRST 5 SCC and WestEd-E3 Institute awarded $750,000 grant to support workforce development
• Educare of California at Silicon Valley implementation work under way
Year 2: Next Steps

- Transitional Kindergarten: Statewide Efforts
  - Strategic planning workgroup
  - Professional learning community
  - Statewide communications and information-sharing strategies
    - Monthly TK calls
    - Digital library ([www.tkcalifornia.org](http://www.tkcalifornia.org))
Year 2: Next Steps

• Transitional Kindergarten: Local Efforts
  ○ Santa Clara County TK Steering Advisory Committee
  ○ Local districts launching new programs this fall
How to Get Involved

• Join a Working Committee
• Have agency become an official partner
• Raise awareness of the ELMP to community partner agencies and families
• Identify existing or future agency efforts that can also support the work of the ELMP
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