

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 Office of Education Santa Clara County P-16 Strategic **Vision for Student Success**

County/City

Early Learning Master Plan

SJ2020

Neighborhood/District

Intensive Strategy

Franklin- McKinley Children's Initiative (FMCI)

-Educare

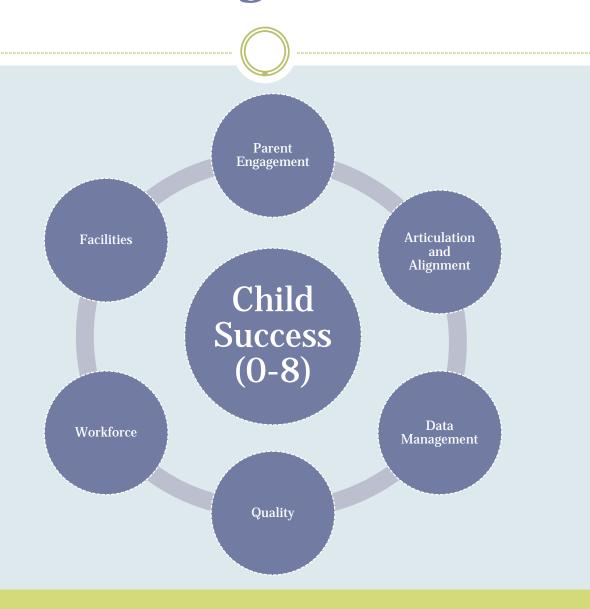
-Kindergarten **Transition** Program

-Screenings

-Family Resource Centers

Strategic Areas





Plan Development and Community Engagement



- 2009—Over 100 stakeholders participate in yearlong 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 Santa Clara County Office of Education



- 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 Santa Clara County Office of Education





- 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 Office of Education



- 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**



- 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



- Transitional Kindergarten: Statewide Efforts
 - Strategic planning workgroup
 - Professional learning community
 - Statewide communications and information-sharing strategies
 - **▼**Monthly TK calls
 - **▼Digital library (**<u>www.tkcalifornia.org</u>)



- Transitional Kindergarten: Local Efforts
 - Santa Clara County TKSteering 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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