

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

Early
Learning
Master Plan

SJ2020

Neighborhood/District

Franklin- McKinley
Children's Initiative
(FMCI)

Intensive Strategy

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

Strategic Areas



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***



Year 2: Next Steps



- **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)

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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