From Awareness to Action
The Santa Clara County 2012 Women’s Agenda

Presentation on Early Learning

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Agenda

- The Value of Early Learning
- Selected Efforts
- Partnership and Engagement Opportunities
The Value of Early Learning
Closing the Opportunity Gap

James Heckman, winner of the 2000 Nobel Prize in economics, demonstrates the return on investment for ECE.
The Value of Early Learning Impact on Kindergarten Readiness

The Value of Early Learning Impact on Third Grade Achievement

Source: Santa Clara County Partnership for School Readiness (2012)
Selected Efforts
Santa Clara County Early Learning Master Plan

- Early Learning strategy for SJ/SV2020
- Birth through third grade focus
- 2-, 5- and 7-year goals in six strategic areas
- Implementation through shared leadership and leveraging of existing efforts
- Signature efforts that cut across all strategic areas
Selected Efforts
Educare of California at Silicon Valley

Logos of various organizations and entities.
Selected Efforts
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Transitional Kindergarten

California’s New Kindergarten System: Preparing Children to Succeed

Children entering K-12 system in fall

4 Year Olds

5 Year Olds

YEAR 1
Transitional Kindergarten

YEAR 2
Kindergarten

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two year kindergarten experience for those students who are born between September and December.

Source: Preschool California
Benefits

- Students better prepared to succeed in traditional kindergarten and beyond
- Improves social-emotional and cognitive development
- Increases test scores
- Reduces grade retention and special education placement
- Tremendous opportunity to integrate early learning and elementary systems
Partnership and Engagement Opportunities

- **Raise awareness** about the importance of early learning with customers and stakeholders
- **Engage** in local early learning initiatives
- **Leverage existing and design new initiatives** to benefit children birth through third grade
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