Partnering for School Success Begins at Birth

Early Childhood Leadership Tool Kit

PATHWAYS FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Building a Strong Team of Early Childhood Leaders
- Creating a Focus on Very Young Children and Their Families
- Improving the Community for Young Children and Their Families
- Strengthening Relationships with Families and other Community Resources

SCHOOL READINESS
- Ready Families
- Ready Schools
- Ready Services
- Ready Communities

READY CHILDREN
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GOAL: To build a strong foundation for early learning, from prenatal into the elementary years, by strengthening partnerships with families, early learning programs, schools and the community.

PATHWAYS for Leadership Development

1) Creating a Focus on Very Young Children and Their Families

Why is Early Childhood Development Important?
What Are Essential Leadership Practices for Effective Early Childhood Collaboration?
How Can We Assess Our Individual, Team and Community Leadership Strengths?
How Do We Begin Working Together as Advocates for Babies and Young Children?
What is Our Vision for “Partnering for School Success Begins at Birth”?

2) Building a Strong Team of Early Childhood Leaders

What Strengths Do We Each Bring as Leaders?
How Do We Develop Facilitation Skills to Promote High Quality Results and Participation?
How Do We Make Our Meetings Effective?
How Do We Include New People In Our Collaborative Efforts?
How Do We Make Collaborative Decisions and Deal Constructively with Conflict?
How Do We Continuously Reflect on Our Work and Learn Together?

3) Strengthening Relationships with Families and Other Community Resources

How Do We Build Strong Relationships with Families, Early Childhood Programs and Schools?
How Do We Make Family and Community Early Learning Engagement Fun?

4) Improving The Community For Young Children and Their Families

How Do We Host Early Childhood Community Conversations?
How Do We Move From Talk To Action?
How Do We Partner For A Smooth Transition from Early Childhood Programs Into School?
How Do We Give Leadership to a Collective Impact Initiative?