



The Tulsa County Partnership for Early Childhood Success / JumpStart

Targeted Priorities for 2006-2007

Includes efforts by the Partnership's principal partners and program partners

Responsible Parenthood

Family Health Coalition and Early Intervention Task Force

Promote healthy babies and effective early parenting

- Expand early identification and case management services for women with **mental health needs** (family violence, depression, and substance use) through the Free Pregnancy Testing Program, Babyline, and other outreach programs.
- Reduce infant mortality by addressing **women's health before conception** with a focus on education and services which reduce risks of prematurity and teen pregnancy, and increase father involvement in family health.
- Create new sources of funding for **health care for the uninsured** to prevent needless mortality and morbidity.
- Maintain prenatal services for **Hispanic women** and services for their young children.

Preventive Health Care and Early Treatment

Preventive Health Care and Early Intervention Task Force

Promote access and use of medical homes and other resources for addressing health and special early intervention needs

- Coordinate implementation of common **early developmental screening tool**, "Ages and Stages," among local assessment providers to develop common

data base on need and measure progress long term.

- Develop clear strategy for meeting growing **infant/toddler behavioral health** needs through expanded local child behavioral health planning efforts.
- Renew **Project LINK**, a multi-disciplinary team approach to provide developmental, hearing, vision, and speech screening in targeted child care sites for low income children.
- Expand the Child Care Health Consultant program to make available more **nursing and nutrition assistance to child care centers and homes**.

Early Care and Learning

Early Childhood System Development Committee

Representatives of area school districts, Head Start, Child Care Resource Center (CCRC), child care providers, parents, funders, public school four year old providers, principals, K-3 instructors, and interested others

Promote effective quality early learning system

- Increase Quality Enhancement Fund to sustain quality achieved by Success By 6® participants and initiate expanded **quality improvement** efforts.
- Expand quality enhancement technical assistance to move additional programs from Two-Star to Three-Star quality level.
- Distribute findings from the **CCRC Study on Non-Parental Child Care in Tulsa County** to educate the community on changing needs and impact.
- Coordinate efforts to build **integrated early care and learning systems** among schools, Head Start, child care, Hispanic outreach programs, and early childhood pre-enrollment/round-up efforts. Process will be included in implementation of community schools initiative.

Family Engagement and Support in Neighborhoods

Community Schools

Promote effective partnerships among young families, neighborhood schools, and other resources to further development of young children

- Complete plans for creating 14-17 **community schools** in Tulsa and Union school districts, each with an early childhood component. Begin implementation in 2006-07. A primary focus: linking preschool experiences to first years of school.
- Establish **community leadership** steering committee through MHSC to guide implementation of Tulsa area community schools initiative.
- Organize **work groups** to support development of each component: early childhood care and education, parent engagement, health/emotional health, neighborhood development, and out-of-school enrichment.
- Assess impact of the comprehensive **school health clinic model** at six elementary school sites, with a focus on determining impact on children 0-5.

Community Mobilization for Resource and Policy Development and Community Engagement

Metropolitan Human Services Commission (MHSC)

Promote policies and resources to further early childhood development

- Provide ongoing policy advocacy for research-based efforts to improve early childhood development and school readiness (e.g., Children First, Healthy Families Oklahoma, Parents As Teachers, adequate child care subsidy, information systems, state and local collaborations).

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Promote engagement of all community sectors in improving early childhood development

- Prepare **annual report** on Tulsa County's progress in improving school readiness, and new opportunities. Include latest results from Pre-K readiness assessment tool now being used in most school districts in Tulsa County.
- Convene ad hoc task force of school district representatives and other early childhood providers to determine "**status of school readiness level**" in Tulsa County using all available data, including focus groups of kindergarten and first grade teachers. Task Force also will examine current and future possible steps to assess impact of early childhood experience on 3rd and 4th grade performance, review use of current school readiness assessment tools among area schools, and determine direction for continuing a common assessment strategy.
- Organize and present at least one **community forum** on cutting-edge thinking in early childhood development to promote and sustain Tulsa's leadership position.



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