



# KINDERGARTEN READINESS C.A.N

JUNE 6, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

## **Introductions / Attendance:**

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## **K Readiness Data 2017:**

- FUSD KDA- Readiness Ruberic created (631 children preregistered for K= adequate sample)
- LAUNCH K Readiness CAN- Interest in conducting personal interviews and/or focus group with incoming kindergarten parents, ensuring some that participated in KinderCamp. Must make sure food, child care and incentives for participation

## **Parent Questionnaire used to assess key strategies identified by K readiness CAN:**

1. Access to preschool:

Did their child go to preschool? Why or why not?

2. Interest/participation in a parenting support:

Where did they get parenting information? (family/friends, internet/social media, books, home visitor, parenting class, or parent support group)

3. Parent Understanding of Kindergarten Readiness:

How did you get your child ready for kindergarten?

## **3-5 Year Plan for K Readiness CAN:**

- Vision: More (than 52%) kindergarteners ready for kindergarten as evidenced by district data
- Hypothesis: Access to quality preschool and parenting support increase children's kindergarten readiness
- Data Collection and analysis: Percentage of children deemed "ready for kindergarten" and what they have in common (socio-economics, quality preschool, parenting education, etc)
- Open KDA and parent questionnaire process up to charter and private K

- Informed interventions: Promote community investment and engagement around strategies that are working

**Next Steps:**

- LAUNCH obtains a signed data sharing agreement with FUSD and Head Start
- Draft parent questionnaire and request review by data team
- Discuss with data team who/how to conduct parent interviews and/or focus group
- Implement KDA (data team reviews and analyzes data)
- Identify commonalities among those who were identified as "kindergarten ready"
- Build collaboration among public, charter and private preschool and kindergartens (LAUNCH K Readiness continuing the work of the former Flagstaff Community Wide Kindergarten Transition Team)

**Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday August 2 3:30-5 at the Family Resource Center

# Early Childhood Parent Questionnaire

## **Parenting Support:**

As a parent, where do you receive support?

- Relatives
- Neighbors/friends
- Parent groups                      Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Visitation Program        Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Parenting Class                      Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent Support Group              Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- On-line resources/social media    Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have enough support as a parent? Yes    No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Access to Preschool:**

Is/was your child regularly cared for by someone other than you prior to kindergarten?

- Relative
- Friend
- Home provider
- Child Care Center

Was the noted child care arrangement your preference?

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Kindergarten Transition:**

What skills do you feel are most important for children as they enter kindergarten?

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What do you feel your role is in getting your child ready for school?

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Overall, do you feel that you had the knowledge and the resources needed to help prepare your child & your family for kindergarten?

Yes No

If no, what was missing?

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# Parent Focus Group or Interview

## Sample Questions

### **Fielding Child Care Preference, Access to Preschool, and Parent Understanding of Kindergarten Transition**

1. Prior to Kindergarten was your child regularly cared for by someone other than you?
  - Relative
  - Friend
  - Home provider
  - Child Care Center

2. Was the noted child care arrangement your preference? Explain.

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3. If your child attend preschool:

For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

What school(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What were some of your reasons for sending your child to preschool?

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5. What did you like about your child's preschool experience?

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6. What did you dislike about your child's preschool experience?

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7. Were there any barriers you faced that made it difficult for your child to attend preschool?

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8. How do you feel the preschool experience prepared you and your child for the transition to kindergarten?

(1 = not prepared, 5 = well prepared)

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9. Overall, do you feel that you had the knowledge and the resources needed to help prepare your child & your family for kindergarten?    Yes    No

If no, what was missing? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. As a parent, what were you most concerned about in preparing your child for the transition to kindergarten (i.e., transportation, social & emotional, before & after school care, etc.)?

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11. What was your child most concerned about regarding the start of Kindergarten?

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12. What has made the transition to Kindergarten a positive experience for you and your child?

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13. What would you add or change to help the school improve the Kindergarten transition process?

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### **Parenting Supports**

1. Where do you receive support from as a parent?

- relatives                       parent groups  
 home visits                       parenting classes  
 on-line resources                       neighbors/friends  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have enough support as a parent? Yes                      No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

3. In the past, have you attended parenting groups?

Classes? Yes No

Which program:

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4. Have you received home visits? Yes                      No

**Parental Attitudes**

1. How do you feel about sending your child to school?

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2. Did you have a positive school experience when you were a child? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What does school readiness look like to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What do you feel your role is in getting your child ready for school? \_\_\_\_\_

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