




Moving on to Kindergarten


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Engaging Parents Today, Improving Student Outcomes for the Future

*The Indiana Partnerships Center is committed to Engaging,
Equipping and Empowering families to be
involved in their children's education.*



Kindergarten Readiness Connections

A high-impact, neighborhood-based project focused on building relationships between schools, parents and early childhood programs in order help children be successful when they start kindergarten.



Kindergarten Family Nights

Planning:

- Collaborate with multiple agencies
- Invite families in 5 different ways
- Promote through out community

Back Packs:

- School supplies
- Activities
- Tip Sheets
- Books
- Manipulatives



Hands on Family Activities:

- Literacy
- Math
- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills



Cost for 50 families - \$100



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- Serve all of Wayne County
- 20% of families live below poverty line
- 6.3% of population is below 5 (4,342 children)
- Classified at a Micro/Rural Area



- Started 8+ years ago
- Provide folders for families at Kindergarten Round-up with readiness activities – Volunteers put the folders together
- Host workshops during registration
- Each school makes it work for them



Owen County Learning Network

- Serve all of Owen County
- 14.3% of families live below poverty line
- 5.6% of population is below 5 (1,208 children)
- Classified at a Rural Area

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- Offered family nights at local elementary schools in the spring
- Sent families home with school supplies and activities to do over the summer
- Worked with Kindergarten Teachers to ensure activities and information was the right message from their school

When this was not as effective anymore – they were willing to look outside of the *cup* and rethink how to best work with the families and children to ensure academic success.



Good to Go!



- Serve all of Madison County
- 14.7% of families live below poverty line
- 6.2% of population is below 5 (8,161 children)
- Classified at a Metro Area



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OVERVIEW:

In partnership with county schools, this spring event welcomes new families into the school community and encourages parents to be actively involved in their child's education.

The event will:

- ❖ Focus on kindergarten readiness for all children attending kindergarten in Madison County
- ❖ Provide a FREE back pack and supplies to each kindergarten child
- ❖ Lead parents and children in activities with kindergarten teachers

- Hosted the event for the past 5 years
- Over 500 children attend from all 5 school corporations each year
- The same workshop is offered at each elementary to allow parents to attend when best fits their schedule
- Growing to offer 3 "Pre-Blast Off" workshops for families during the school year



- Serve all of Marion County/Indianapolis Area
- 19.7% of families live below poverty line
- 7.5% of population is below 5 (67,754 children)
- Classified at a Urban/Metro Area

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- Started in one school within Indianapolis Public Schools
- Grew to hosting events in 5 of the elementary schools
- 2011 – Hosted one event at the Central Library in downtown Indianapolis
- Offer Kindergarten “Summer School”

- ✓ Complete all enrollment paperwork
- ✓ Conduct Pre-K Screenings
- ✓ Health Department is there to administer immunizations
- ✓ Each child receives a back pack with schools supplies, books, uniform shirt and tee-shirt
- ✓ Model hands-on activities for the families that support Kindergarten Readiness



Questions & Sharing

