### School Readiness and Promise Neighborhoods

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## **Goals for Today**

- Explore school readiness research
- Best practices and trends impacting school readiness
- First 5 LA's ECE Strategy
- Questions and Discussion





### School Readiness Research

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At-risk children who don't get quality early care and education are:

- 25% more likely to drop out of school 1
- 40% more likely to become a teen parent <sup>2</sup>
- 50% more likely to be placed in special education.
- 60% more likely to never attend college
- 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime 3

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## Why Kindergarten Readiness?

Children who are prepared when entering kindergarten are 10 times more likely to meet the expectations of California state standards by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade than those who are less prepared when they start school

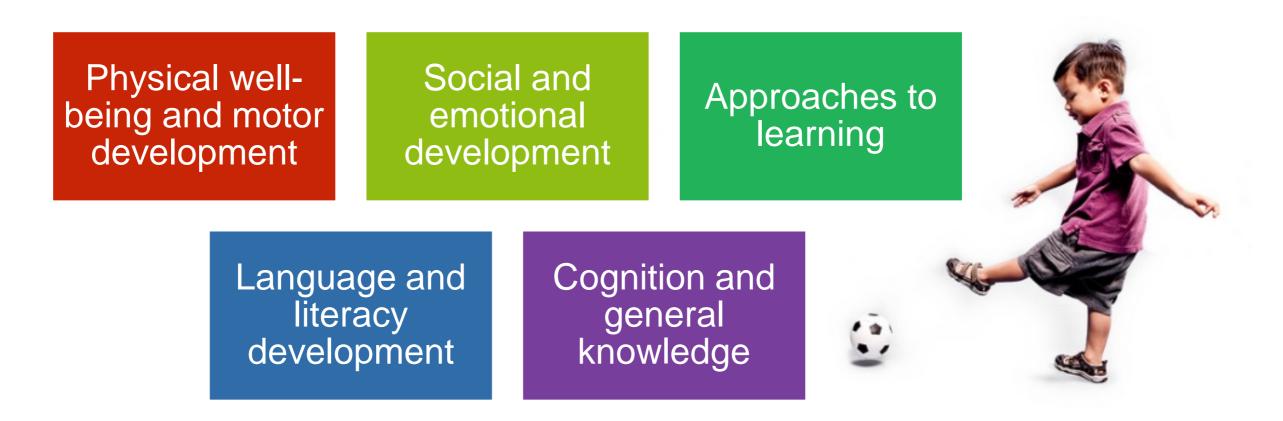


Children reading at grade-level in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are more likely to complete high school Children who complete high school are more likely to attend college, have better career opportunities, and have higher salaries



### What is a Kindergarten Readiness Assessment?

- Usually completed by teachers in the first 2 months of Kindergarten
- Holistic and typically measures the following domains:





### **Examples of Kindergarten Readiness Questions**

- Physical Well Being and Motor Development
  - Ex: Proficiency at holding a pen, crayons, or a paintbrush
- Social and Emotional Well Being
  - Ex: Seems to be unhappy, sad, or depressed
- Approaches to Learning Self Regulation
- Ex: Has difficulty awaiting turn in games or groups
  Literacy and Language Development
  - Ex: Ability to tell a story
- Cognition and General Knowledge
  - Ex: Is able to say which number is bigger of the two



#### **Uses of Kindergarten Readiness Assessments**



Population Level



 Identify the strengths and needs of our <u>early</u> <u>childhood systems</u> by aggregating data across districts to identify (and then support) the needs of a community



# What is Happening in California?

- Over half of the states (29) in the country collect kindergarten readiness information in a state-level data system
- No common state-wide tool in California
  - Local autonomy is critical, but data are most powerful when they are comparable
- The four main KRAs used in California are:



• In August 2013, the California Department of Education weighed in on the need for a common tool and highlighted the DRDP



### Best Practices and Trends

Charles Charles Prope

### **ECE Trends and Best Practices**



#### **Examples of Collective Impact Strategies**

- Ex: Promise Neighborhoods
- Ex: Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
- Ex: My Brother's Keeper



## **ECE Trends and Best Practices**

#### **Increased access to preschool:**

- President Obama 's 2013 State of the Union address called for a national preschool program.
- Oklahoma and Georgia
  - 2 of the first states with universal preschool for all 4 year olds
- Universal preschool (New York City)
  - \$300 million in state financing for prekindergarten
- Transitional kindergarten and Expanded Transitional Kindergarten (California)



# **ECE Trends and Best Practices**

### Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS):

- Rating early care and education settings
- Quality improvement for ECE providers
- Parent engagement

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**Current Status of QRIS In States (August 2014)** 

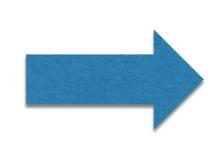


### First 5 LA's ECE Strategy

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# First 5 LA's ECE Strategy 2015-2020

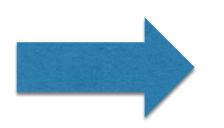
Coordinated advocacy to increase public funding for quality ECE



Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Advocacy to increase subsidies and QRIS funding

Support a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

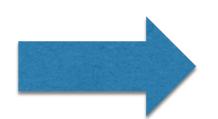


Systems Level Collaborative Efforts

Build a unified county-wide QRIS System across L.A. County

Integrate ECE Competencies

Improving ECE Professional Development Systems



ECE Workforce Registry Expansion

Support child development permit matrix and an ECE credential



### **Reflection and Questions**

