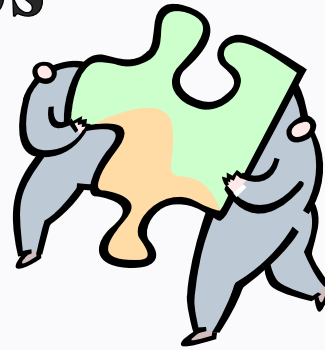


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Fast Facts

- High quality pre-kindergarten can reduce special education placements by nearly 50% through second grade

Source: ["Investments in Pennsylvania's early childhood programs pay off now and later,"](#) Pew Center on the States, Partnership for America's Economic Success, March 2011

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Fast Facts

- Forty years of research shows that children receiving high quality early education are more likely to be prepared for and do better in school; graduate high school; attend college or job training; and have higher earnings.

Sources: [Abecedarian Project](#), [Perry Preschool Project](#)



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Fast Facts

- Every \$1 invested in quality early education saves \$7 in special education, public assistance, corrections, and lost taxes.

Source: Reynolds AJ, Temple JA, Robertson DL, and EA Mann. 2002.
[Age 21 cost-benefit analysis of the Title I Chicago Child-Parent Centers. Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, 24, 267-303](#)



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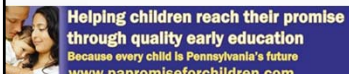
Fast Facts

- By 18 months, the achievement gap between children of college-educated parents and of parents with less than high school appears.

Source: [Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University](#)



“Community collaborative/partnerships represent one of the most challenging—yet one of the most effective---efforts for creating a flexible, comprehensive system that meets the needs of children and families” (Brown, Amwake, Speth, & Scott-Little, 2002, p. 3).



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Objectives:

- Define effective partnerships
- Think outside the box when defining the terms “investing” and “sustainability”.
- Look at a sampling of resources available.



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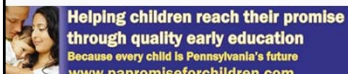


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Handout: Principals of Effective Partnerships

- Plan Together From the Start
- Clarify the vision
- Take Time to Get to Know One Another
- Set Ground Rules
- Start Small and Build Gradually
- Involve Parents as Partners



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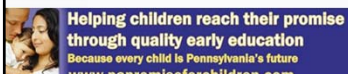
- Clarify Roles and Responsibilities
- Share Decision-Making
- Prepare Team Members to Work Together
- **Stay Flexible**
- Keep Tending the Relationship
- **Be Strategic**



Two key words to consider when creating partnerships.

Investing

Sustainability



Community Connections

- Community Engagement Groups
- Libraries
- Service groups
- Legislators
- Faith-based community
- Higher education
- Businesses
- Hospitals



Brainstorming...

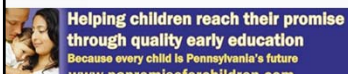
Turn and Talk

Partnerships that already exist?

Ways to enhance those partnerships?

Increase involvement?

Increase parent knowledge?

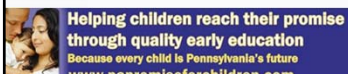


Establish Connections Between Programs

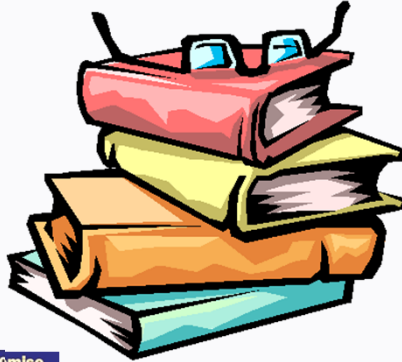
- Participate in a Transition Fair
- Plan cross program visits
- Plan joint Professional Development activities
- Host Kindergarten registration
- Share student information
- Literacy Nights outside of the school



Alignment = Continuity



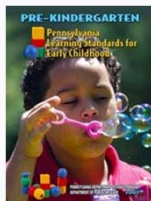
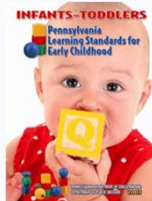
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Standards Support Continuity

- Alignment of expectations across age/grade levels promotes continuity in what children learn at different ages and facilitates effective transitions.



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- Four levels of activities are included: infant, toddler, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten
- Activities are aligned to PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- Includes a listing of books each month that extend the learning experience for children
- About Me Book – each month describes a page for “ME BOOK” activities. Parents can bind the pages together to create a memory book keepsake
- Available in Spanish
 - Available through your LEARN Coordinator – www.papromiseforchildren.org



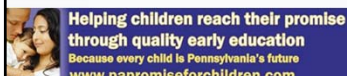
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- Filled with activities to help prepare children for Kindergarten
- Each month contains four weeks of activities that use simple materials/ideas to do at home
- Activities are aligned to the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- Includes information on Early Care and Education programs within Pennsylvania
- Health information can be found at the back of the activity guide
- Includes recipes for fun such as play dough, finger paint etc.
- Available in Spanish



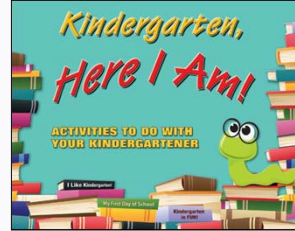
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- Introduces families to authors and illustrators who have written many books that are fun and interesting for Kindergarteners
- Each month families will learn about a children's author or illustrator and four of the author's/illustrator's books
- Activities are aligned to the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- Includes: songs, fingerplays and poems; recipes for fun; a "books we have read" chart and a "look what I can do" calendar
- Available in Spanish



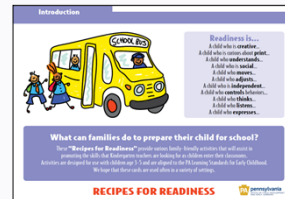
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- Family-friendly activities that assist in promoting the skills Kindergarten teachers are looking for as children enter their classrooms
- Activities are designed for use with children age 3 -5
- Activities are aligned to the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- Spanish translation is found on the back of each card
- Includes additional resources families can access to extend learning



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- Provides ideas for learning in many areas of development using daily routines, every day interactions and play
- Designed around key routines of
 - Let's Eat
 - Let's Get Clean
 - Let's Go
 - Let's Share Words and Stories
 - Let's Say Hello/Goodbye
 - Let's Rest
- Activities are aligned with PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- Other highlights: sign language key words; songs and fingerplays; infant and toddler booklist; milestones and fun memories and a family phone list
- Spanish version coming soon



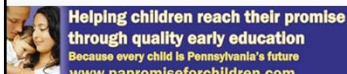
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- Activities are aligned to PA Learning Standards for Early Childhood
- Offer simple at-home experiences that build infants' and toddlers' learning in the areas of social, emotional, physical and academic development.
- Building Blocks include: *Have Fun With Me, Pretend With Me, Move With Me, Explore With ME, Cuddle With Me, Read With Me, Talk With Me, Sing With Me, Think With Me, Create With Me, Learn With ME, Learn About Others, Eat With Me, Play With Me and Sign With Me*



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Resource	Description	English	Spanish	Amount per box	Cost
Every Day I Learn through Play	Every Day I Learn through Play – is an activity guide designed specifically for infants and toddlers. Activities to be done during every day routines are included for children in a variety of age groups and are linked to Pennsylvania's Infant and Toddler Learning Standards.	X	Coming Soon	75	\$15 Shipping
Kindergarten, Here I Come!	Kindergarten Here I Come! is an activity guide that families can use to help prepare their child for Kindergarten. Each activity focuses on a readiness skill for Kindergarten entry and is aligned to the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood.	X	X	75	\$15 Shipping
Kindergarten, Here I Am!	Kindergarten Here I Am! is an activity guide that families can use to support children's learning. This activity guide introduces families to authors and illustrators that are fun and interesting to Kindergarten teachers. All activities included are linked to the Pennsylvania Kindergarten Learning Standards.	X	X	75	\$15 Shipping
		English	Spanish	Amount per box	Cost
Learning Standards Wheel	Learning Standards Wheels highlight standards in each of the key learning areas within the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood. Families are encouraged to use the Standards Wheels to get an idea of developmentally appropriate expectations for their child. Infant, Young Toddler, Older Toddler, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are all represented within the Wheel.	X	X	150	\$15 Shipping
Recipes for Readiness	Recipes for Readiness provide various family-friendly activities that will assist in promoting the skills that Kindergarten teachers are looking for as children enter their classrooms. Activities are designed for use with children age 3-5 and are aligned to the Pennsylvania Learning Standards for Early Childhood.	X	X	50	\$15 Shipping
Building Blocks for Babies	Building Blocks for Babies provide free, family-friendly activities to use with infants, young toddlers and older toddlers and were designed to be a diaper bag companion. All activities included are aligned to the Learning Standards for Early Childhood.	X	Not at this time	50	\$15 Shipping
Standards Books with Continuum and Posters	Available for Infant/Toddler, PreK, K, 1 st , or 2 nd grade	X		1	7.50 each



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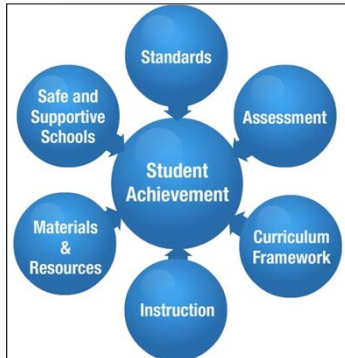
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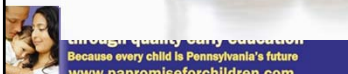
Last Comments

- Successful partnerships take time.
- Draw from the strengths of all partners.
- Seek openness, honesty, and mutual respect.
- Thrive on an atmosphere of positive thinking.
- Recognize excellence and seek it out.
- Hold to a vision and know how to get there



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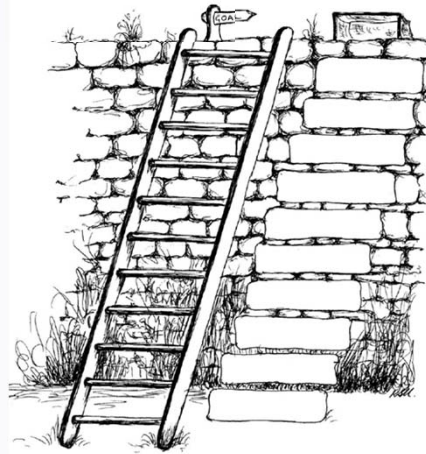
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