



Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children



Orientation for 2010-2011



Meeting Program Assurances
and Requirements

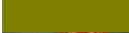


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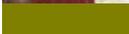
Welcome!





Benefits of High Quality Preschool

- High quality early learning experiences prepare children to successfully achieve in the social and academic challenges of school age programs.
- Children who attend high quality preschool exhibit stronger language, math, thinking, and social skills.
- According to the National Institute of Early Education Research (NIEER) 38 states provide some degree of state-funded preschool programming. Iowa's state-funded preschool programs rank 14th in the nation in providing high quality preschool programming.



Benefits of High Quality Preschool

The New Mexico PreK Evaluation: Results from the Initial Four Years of a New State Preschool Initiative. By Jason T. Hustedt, W. Steven Barnett, Kwanghee Jung, and Linda D. Goetze
November 2009

- A study of New Mexico's state-funded prekindergarten indicates the program produced meaningful impacts on young children's language, literacy, and math development. In addition, there was an estimated \$5 benefit generated in New Mexico for every dollars invested.



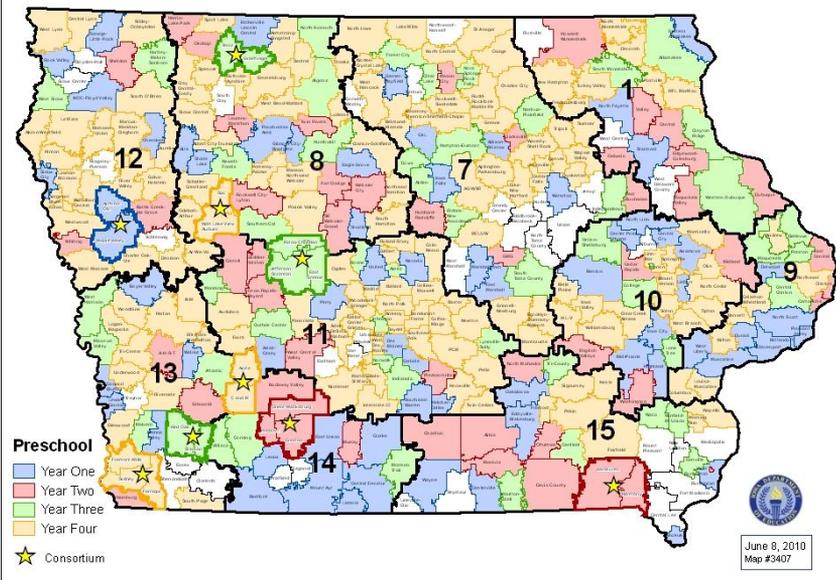
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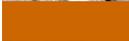
Preschool Programs Can Boost School Readiness

by William T. Gormley, Jr., Deborah Phillips, Ted Gayer
(June 2008)

- Oklahoma's state-funded preschool for all program boosts children's skills dramatically, whether they are from disadvantaged families or middle class families, concludes this study from Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute and Center for Research on Children in the United States. William T. Gormley and colleagues measured the skills of 3,500 incoming kindergartners in Tulsa, finding that those who had been enrolled in the state's preschool for all program had better reading, math and writing skills than those who spent time in federally funded Head Start programs or attended no public preschool program.
- Tulsa's state-funded pre-K program boosted children's pre-reading skills nine months ahead of other kids', pre-writing skills eight months ahead and pre-math skills five months. The study also found that Head Start boosted children's skills but to a lesser extent.

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children, Years One Through Four





Assurances

- Personnel
 - Teachers (100, 103, 106)
 - Sufficient number of staff
- Session limited to 20 children
- Instructional time is a minimum of 10 hours per week with an appropriately licensed teacher



Assurances

- Supplement, not Supplant
- Integrate with Other Preschool Programs
- Collaboration with Community
 - Expectations to maintain partnerships
 - Materials purchased with State Funds
 - Secular instruction



Assurances

- Fiscal Accountability
 - Categorical funds
 - Fiscal Agent

- Professional Development must be appropriate to early childhood



Assurances

- Program Standards for Statewide Voluntary Preschool AND Early Childhood Special Education (*including Early Childhood sites serving a child on an IEP*)
 - National Association for the Education of Young Children Standards and Accreditation (NAEYC)
 - Head Start Program Performance
 - Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards (IQPPS)



Assurances

- Curriculum/Assessment and Early Learning Standards
- Family Involvement
 - 2 Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 1 Home visit
 - 1 Family night
 - Ongoing two-way communication



Reporting Requirements

Timelines

Two Important Dates

September 14 – generates the **Preschool Grant Award**

October 1 – generates funding for **subsequent year**

- Eligible children must be four years old on or before September 14 of the school year.
- Children on a support only IEP may be included in the Statewide Voluntary Preschool child count.
- Children who are five years of age and kindergarten eligible are not counted on the Statewide Voluntary Preschool child count.



Reporting Requirements

Timelines

September 14 – Preschool Award Amount

- Child Data through EASIER
 - Preschool Grant Award is generated from this count.
 - Districts will be paid for eligible children enrolled in preschool:
 - based on a minimum of 37% of certified kindergarten enrollment count from Oct 2009
 - or up to 10 children (whichever is larger)
- Early Childhood Data System
 - Program data



Reporting Requirements

Timelines

October 1 – 2011/2012 Formula Funding

- Certified Enrollment Report
- EASIER data elements
- Subsequent year funding



Reporting Requirements

Funding

Districts will be paid for eligible children enrolled in preschool and entered into EASIER:

- based on a minimum of 37% of certified kindergarten enrollment count from Oct 2009, or
- up to 10 children if 37% of certified kindergarten enrollment count from 2009 is less than 10.

Funds are paid to the district, or fiscal agent in the case of consortiums, in two (2) equal payments.

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| Payment #1 | October/November |
| Payment #2 | January |



Confirmation of Program Standards

- Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards
- Head Start Program Performance Standards
- National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation





Questions?

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