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Economic and Social Benefits of Early Education

- *Do we care about our children and grandchildren?*
- *Can we do so without caring about the children of others?*



Social Change

- *Increased Diversity*
- *Economic Polarization*
- *Lost Mobility/Opportunity*



Montgomery County

- *Public Assistance*
- *Crime Costs*
- *Children in Poverty*
- *High School Drop Outs*
- *Special Education*
- *Unemployment*
- *Personal Income*



Harvard Research

- *85% of a child's brain structure is formed by age 5.*



Obstacles for Early Learning

- Language
- Parent's Education
- Poor Healthcare
- Food Shortages
- Time to Learn
- Economic Pressures
- Family Stress Drugs and Abuse



Change the first five years and you change everything!



The Importance of Early Intervention

Research tell us that low income children who receive high-quality child care are...

- 55% less likely to need special education services
- 72% less likely to be arrested for drug-related offenses
- 31% more likely to graduate high school
- 20% more likely to be employed
- 500% more likely to own home



Long Term Community Benefits

- *Better educated workforce*
- *Reduced social costs*
- *Higher quality community*



Short Term Community Benefits

- *Improved school performance*
- *More people with a future plan*
- *Reduced unemployment*
- *Stronger families*



Where we started.....

- *ECAT team formed after the flood*
- *USD 445 collaborated with:*
 - *Tri-County*
 - *SEK-CAP*
 - *Four County Mental Health*



Coffeyville Coalition for Early Education, Inc.

Made up of early childhood professionals and area business leaders

- Bi-monthly meetings to share important information about the ELC and to listen to business experts about what works*
- Collaboration in the areas of marketing, strategic planning, family engagement*
- Short-term and long-term goals*
- 501c3*

2008-2016... Flash Forward....

- *Coffeyville Coalition for School Readiness (replaced ECAT)*
- *Capacity for 220 students*
 - *6 Full Day Rooms*
 - *3 part day rooms with am and pm sessions*
 - *Hope to have increased spots for Infant/Toddler services*
- *Fully Blended program*
- *Tri-County and Four County Services*

Staff at ELC

- Principal/Secretary/Receptionist/Transition Coordinator/Literacy Coach
- 3 Family Advocates
- 2 Interpreters
- Early Childhood Resource Teacher/Speech Pathologist
 - 2 full time paras for EC
 - 1 full time para for Speech
 - 1 full time floater para
- 9 Early Childhood Teachers and Teacher Assistants
- 2 Lead Teachers for Early Head Start/ 4 Teacher Assistants
- 2 Custodians

USD 445

- Provides the facility, business management, Payroll, IT Support, and all maintenance costs
- Lead teachers (negotiated agreement)
- Assistants
- Administrator
- Secretary
- Transition Coordinator
- 1 ½ Custodians



SEK-CAP Head Start

75 half Day slots

- SEK CAP provides:

receptionist

interpreter

3 family advocates

1 para floater

1 preschool assistant

chef and kitchen staff

All staff for infant/toddler room



Tri-County Special Education

Always on site:

- *Resource Teacher for Early Childhood*
- *2 paras for cognitive support*
- *Speech para*

Itinerant/Shared Staff

- *School Psychologist*
- *Speech pathologist*
- *OT/PT staff and paras*



Four County Mental Health

Mental Health Consultant On Site

- Provides classroom support in the areas of self-regulation and self-care skills
- Helps implement Second Step curriculum
- Provides mental health consultations and completes CLASS observations
- Provides trainings and support to teachers concerning environment



Parents As Teachers

1 Director
5 Parent Educators

Serving Birth-Five



Community Health Center of SEK



- On site health clinic, Wednesday 7:45-12:00
 - Physician Assistant and Nurse
- Services: immunizations, health assessments/physicals, well-child appointments, regular office visits for illnesses and injuries
- Extended hours at Community Elementary and Field Kindley High School
- Hopeful for a full-time school nurse- November

Coffeyville Community College

Scholarships

- Now offering scholarships to parents of students that attend the ELC!!



Boys and Girls Club of Coffeyville

Boys and Girls Club- Tots

- After-school child care for working parents
 - 3:00pm-5:30pm
- Summer program on site so that children have age and developmentally-appropriate equipment and manipulatives



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA**

Windsor Place Nursing Home

Age-to-Age Kindergarten Classroom

- One Kindergarten classroom is housed in the middle of Windsor Place. Students and “grandparents” participate in activities together daily.
- Parents must fill out an application. Students are chosen through a lottery process.
 - 10 girls and 10 boys



Next Steps

- *Local Businesses*
- *KDHE*
- *CCBG*



Through a private partnership, USD 445 has increased full day spots and is able to provide 2 storm shelters to students.

And now...





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of Coffeyville*



Kindergarten Readiness



Kindergarten Readiness

Physical Readiness

Able to write names legibly

Able to sit without wiggling, laying down or falling over

Can hold and use writing utensils and scissors



Kindergarten Readiness Continued

Social Emotional Skills

Increased self-regulation skills
Fewer students exhibiting separation anxiety
Want to help other students (empathy)
Compliment and encourage each other
Well thought out manners



Kindergarten Readiness Continued

Learning to Learn Skills

Tremendous listening skills

A love of reading (or being read to)

Understand teachers expectations

Parents of ELC children know kiddos are responsible for academics and have a heightened awareness of their role as an educational partner.

Homework is coming back with parent assistance



Kindergarten Readiness Continued

Communication and Literacy Skills

*Enhanced literacy skills compared to peers
(letter recognition and rhyming)*



Kindergarten Readiness Continued

Mathematical Knowledge and Skills

Good at counting
Count objects in a set
Number recognition



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