

School Ready Local Performance Measures

Clarke County (Family First Empowerment Area)

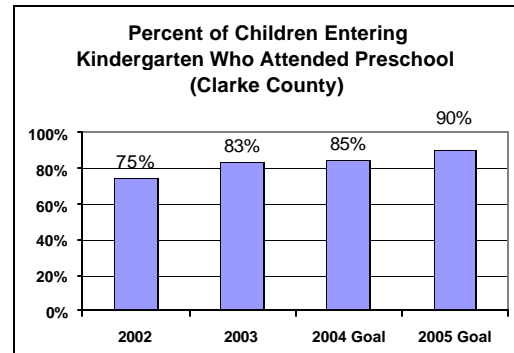


Local Identified Need/Priority: Increase access to quality preschool experience.

Goal: Increase the number of children entering kindergarten with preschool experience.

Local Performance Measure: Percent of children entering with preschool experience.

Strategies: To provide community awareness of the importance of preschool and transportation assistance to needy families to increase the number of children attending preschool. An early childhood resource specialist has established relationships with private and public preschools, Head Start and Early Head Start, Area Education Agency, Early ACCESS and child care centers and social service agencies, to increased the number of children having access to preschool.



Linn County

Local Identified Need/Priority: Children Ready for School and Schools Ready for Children.

Goal: Maintain or improve Linn County results on the State Kindergarten Readiness Perception Survey.

Local Performance Measure: Comparison of typical development of children in pilot Wraparound pilot to children not in the pilot.

Strategies: Linn County Empowerment funded a pilot program at the Linn County Child Development Center for additional full-day, year round care for 16 children in this high-quality child development program. The administration of a pre- and post-developmental assessment index, between August 2002 and April 2003, was used to determine whether the intervention or natural growth and maturation had an impact on improved scores. In August the children's skill scores were 14% below comparable children not in the pilot. By April 2003, the children scored 19% above the non-pilot, or "typically developing" children. A data evaluation consultant, from the University of Illinois, concluded that the assumptions that the improvements due to the Wraparound intervention were valid, it should be continued to be reviewed, and encouraged continuation of the data collection method.

