

City of Saint Paul 3K

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Mission

Coordinate and expand access to high quality early learning to 3 and 4-year-olds in Saint Paul so that all children are ready for kindergarten and all families can thrive.



The Need

- Minnesota is the **4th most expensive** state for childcare*
- **34%** of Saint Paul's 3 and 4-year-olds live below the Federal Poverty Line
- **74%** live below 300% of the Federal Poverty Line
- Scholarships do not cover the full cost of care and only provide access to children below 185% of poverty
- In Ramsey County, 471 families are on waiting lists for child care assistance
- Of preschool seats in community providers, **4586 are unrated by Parent Aware**
- **56% of St. Paul children are not ready for kindergarten****

*Economic Policy Institute, 2019

• **FAST earlyReading assessments for Saint Paul Public School students provided by Saint Paul Public Schools.

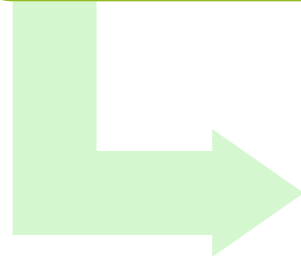
Strategy

Create a
Blueprint

Create a
Leadership
Structure

Build the
Framework

Build the
political will



Health Care at the Helm

Boston: Partners for “Countdown to Kindergarten”

- Boston Medical Center
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Children’s Hospital Boston
- Health Care For All
- Allways Health Partners

San Francisco: Partners with the Office of Early Care and Education (OECE)

- Children’s Council of SF (<http://www.childrenscouncil.org/>)
 - “Healthy Apple Program”

Cleveland: Pre4Cle

- *Ohio Healthy Programs Training & Technical Assistance* – funded by Mt. Sinai Healthcare Foundation, Ohio Dept of Health & the Nemours Foundation

Program Elements

- **Mixed delivery system**, including Saint Paul Public Schools, charter schools, Head Start, child care centers, and licensed family child care providers.
- **Quality metrics, support and evaluation**
- **Common application and enrollment system**
- **Full funding for families at 300% of FPL** and below.
- **Annual cost:** \$15 million in year 1, \$27 million by year 5 and thereafter

Stakeholder Engagement

Community engagement is a top priority.

- Parents and providers know best.
- 252 parents engaged through 1:1 meetings and listening sessions
- 79 providers reached through listening sessions and an online survey



Questions?

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