

Smart Beginnings School Readiness Framework

Ready for School. Ready for Life.

School readiness describes the capabilities of children, their families, schools, services and communities that will best promote student success in kindergarten and beyond. Each component plays an essential role in the development of school readiness and no one component can stand on its own. www.SmartBeginningsInfo.org



READY FAMILIES

Understand that they are the most important people in their child's life. Parents recognize their role as their child's first and most important teacher.

- Support and provide for healthy children
- Steady, loving relationships
- Safe and predictable environment
- Promote good health
- Know developmental stages and age-appropriate expectations

READY SERVICES

Provide high-quality, affordable health care and early care and education to all young children.

- Medical homes
- Access to quality health services
- Accessible, affordable and high-quality early care and education programs

READY CHILDREN

Growth and development in one area is linked to and depends upon development in the other areas.

Children show age-appropriate:

- Physical well-being and motor development
- Social and emotional development
- Approaches to learning
- Language development
- Cognition and general knowledge

WE'RE READY!

READY SCHOOLS

Welcome all children, provide seamless transitions to kindergarten and a high-quality learning environment

- Smooth transitions between home and school and between early education settings and school
- Highly-qualified teachers
- Developmentally appropriate and culturally sensitive practices

READY COMMUNITY

Businesses, community services, faith based organizations, schools, early childhood providers, community groups and local governments commit to ensure successful school readiness for all children.

- Affordable access to services
- Resources and information for families
- Early learning opportunities

