LINKS - Learning Network for Kids: Early Childhood Shared Services

Health and Human Services Committee Wednesday, July 10th

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Objectives

- ▶ Quality early learning programs
- ➤ Children need to be the focus and the foundation of all decisions
- ▶ Childcare and Head Start Barriers
- ▶ What's working in Grant County
- ▶ Turning the Pyramid around

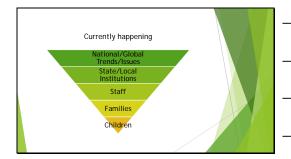


Quality Early Learning

- ► Education in New Mexico
 - ▶ Social/Emotional development
- ► Learning through play
- ► Workforce Development
 - ► Funding for programs (HV, PreK, Early PreK)
 - ► Early Childhood HED Taskforce
 - ► Funding to support high quality faculty

Quality Early Learning

- ▶ Streamlining of services
- ➤ Differences in requirements/regulations
 ➤ Overlap of services, funding, and reporting
- ► Training and turn-over

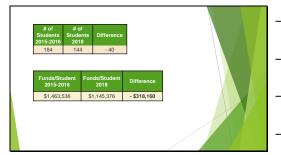


Childcare Barriers

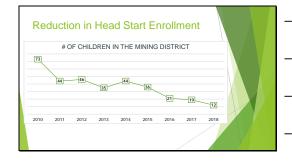
- ► Communication between agencies
- ▶ Opportunities for training to raise stars
- ► Monitoring
- ▶ Funding
- ► Competition for children's slots

Head Start Barriers

- ► Grant County
- ▶ Lost Federal Funds
- ▶ Loss of 40 students at \$7,954/student equals a total loss of \$318,160 in Federal Dollars



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Solutions

- ▶ Children need to be the focus and the foundation of all decision making
- ► PED/CYFD Partnership
- ▶ Equal funding and same standards
- ► Collaboration and coordination of services
- ► Grant County Community Early Care & Education: LINKS Shared Services

What is Shared Services: a framework that supports multiple early care and education (ECE) sites as they seek to pooneeds and share resources.

- Designs are unique to its participants, all share the goal of strengthening business and staff, information and resource licipating sites by creating structure, that enable sharing of staff, information and resource for continue to business, and the staff of Service Allisons improve extoness for collisient by busility organizations capacity improving job quality, strengthening community partnerships and promoting long-term sustainability.

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- ► Community Partnership for Children is the not-for-profit organization funding an overseeing this project. cpc.grantcounty@gmail.com
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 F Grant County Early Care & Education: LIMS is a shared service project
 currently working with five child care center programs to determine how this
 alliance will be created to fit the community economic needs and support
 their businesses in serving children and families in this area.

 Mission & Vision

 F Londing over the past 4 years has been provided by: Con Alma, Thornburg,
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