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OFFICE OF THE YOUNG CHILD

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Vision for Pasadena: *A City that nurtures every child and creates an environment where young children are healthy, safe and find early success in school and life.*

Master Plan for the Young Child



Early Child Development Policy

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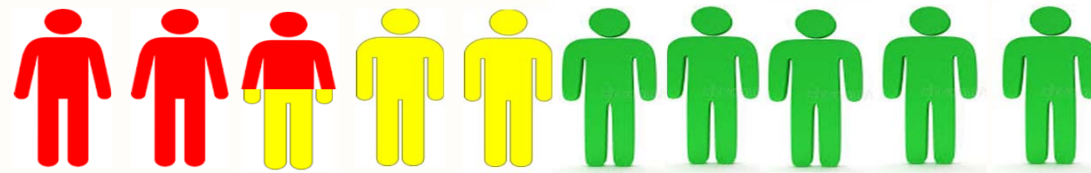
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Early Development Instrument (EDI)

PUSD Citywide Results 2017-18

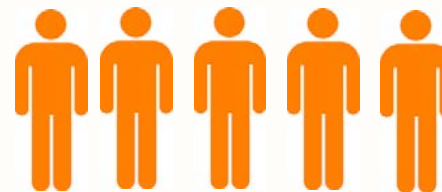
Entering Kindergarteners



Not Ready
24%

Somewhat Ready
24%

Ready
51%



**48 % of Entering PUSD
Kindergartners “not on track”**



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Pasadena Results 2013 / 2017

EARLY DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

Year	N	Physical Health and Well-being		Social Competence		Emotional Maturity		Language and Cognitive Development		Communication Skills and General Knowledge		Developmentally Vulnerable on One or More Domains	
		(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)	(N & % Vulnerable)		
2017	1,254	120	10%	132	11%	110	9%	107	9%	113	9%	307	24%
2013	1,435	116	8%	125	9%	120	8%	79	6%	104	7%	294	20%





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Elements of
An Aligned
System for
Young
Children

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Leveraged Grant Funding:

- Pasadena Child Health Foundation: \$22,500
- First 5 LA: \$32,500 + EDI funding
- Los Angeles County, Department of Mental Health: \$5,000
- California State Library: \$230,000
- Abriendo Puertas Opening Doors: \$7,000
 - **Total grant funding awarded in 2019-2020: \$297,000**



All Children Thrive
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Growing Together PASadena
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Partnerships/ Collaboration

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Early Child Development City Leadership Team

- City Manager's Office
- Housing
- Human Services & Recreation
- Human Resources
- Libraries & Information Sciences
- Planning & Community Development
- Police
- Public Health
- Public Works
- Transportation
- Water & Power

SWOT ANALYSIS

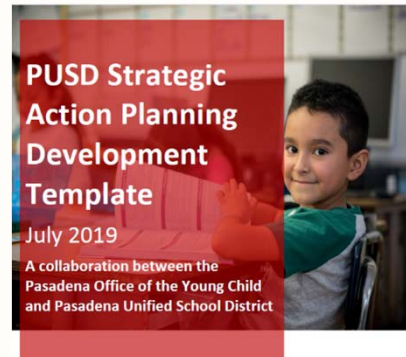
	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal origin within the organization	Strengths S	Weaknesses W
External origin outside the organization	Opportunities O	Threats T

Public Health Department



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Data
Collection -
Measure of
Success

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EARLY DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT

- In partnership with PUSD, we are conducting another round of **EDI data collection** from February 2020-March 2020.



- Developed an **EDI Parent pamphlet** in partnership with parents and caregivers, and a nonprofit partner, to make data more accessible to families.



- Supporting City-wide efforts on **Census 2020** data collection, because **children 0-5 are a hard to count** population.





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Mission: Growing Together PASadena is a network of parents and caregivers, service providers, and early childhood advocates that fosters development of children ages 0-5 and supports families with tools and resources to thrive.





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Culturally Specific Programs for English Language Learners **7**

Master Plan recommends a focus on high-quality bilingual and culturally appropriate family support services

- **Abriendo Puertas | Opening Doors** is a culturally specific parenting curriculum that we received a \$7,000 grant to implement at two Growing Together PASadena sites in **Spring 2020**.
- In February and March 2020, staff will receive training on how to support parents to administer **Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3)**. We have 11 Spanish kits and 10 English kits.
- Parents and caregivers, City staff, and community partners will be offered a **Parent Café training to host parent conversations** in February 2020. Materials will be available in English and Spanish.





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Transition from Pre-School to Kindergarten

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- Community-wide action plan with **All Children Thrive: K-readiness** has a specific action item to create a **campaign on the importance of early care and education** and the transition to kindergarten.
- PUSD: **K-readiness event** at Madison Elementary School on **April 18, 2020**.
- Materials grant from the California State Library allowed us to purchase **Mental Health Kits for early childhood** that focus on emotional maturity that will be available at the library.
- Pasadena Child Health Foundation grant: Allowed us to do a community assessment on **“Trauma-Informed Care Practices in Early Childhood”** with Young & Healthy and the Public Health Department. A report with recommendations for the community will be available in the Spring.



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State and County Focus on Early Childhood

- Department of Early Childhood Development (July 1, 2021)
- \$8.5 million at CHHS for Human Resources to implement child care collective bargaining unit
- Increases funding for CalWORKS (Stage 2 & 3 child care)
- \$50 from Cannabis funds for 621 additional slots (covers 3,000 that was covered by General Fund)
- \$31.9 million in 20-21 and \$127 million for 10,000 additional Cal State Preschool slots at non-local educational agencies (April 1, 2021)
- Public Preschool, K-12 and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020
- **LA County Unified Strategic Plan for Early Care and Education**
 - Priority Areas: Access, Quality, Workforce, & Families and Communities





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Looking Ahead

- Completing pilot year for ***Growing Together PASadena***
- Convene workgroups of ***All Children Thrive Pasadena: K-readiness*** to complete actions steps in community-wide action plan
- ***EDI Data Release in July 2020 and EDI School/ Community Conversations*** Summer/Fall 2020
- ***“Counting to Kinder”*** Census 2020 and Kindergarten Readiness event at **Madison Elementary** in April 2020
- Publish a report of 10 recommendations of **trauma-informed care policies and best practices** in early childhood settings in Spring 2020



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Questions?

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