Mayors Innovation Project Conference
Partnerships for Excellent Early Childhood Education
Presented By: Ivy R. Taylor, Councilmember District 2

August 16, 2013
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Demographics San Antonio

City of San Antonio Population Race/Ethnicity

Source: City of San Antonio Planning Department: http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/

City of San Antonio Household Type with 1 or More Children Under Age 18

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of four year children living in the City of San Antonio</td>
<td>20,000</td>
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<td>Number of four year children living in the City of San Antonio eligible for state funded Pre-K (Following State eligibility criteria)</td>
<td>16,500</td>
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<td>Number of four year old children living in San Antonio that are currently enrolled in Full Day Pre-K</td>
<td>10,800</td>
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<td>Number of four year old children living in San Antonio enrolled in a Half Day Pre-K Program that could benefit from being placed into a Full Day Pre-K Program</td>
<td>3,400</td>
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<td>Number of four year old children who are not in any Pre-K program that could be served in a Full Day program</td>
<td>2,350</td>
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<td>TOTAL TARGET POPULATION THAT COULD BE SERVED WITH BRAINPOWER INITIATIVE</td>
<td>5,750</td>
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Prepared by the City Manager's Office with Assistance from Dr. Lloyd Potter, Texas State Demographer
July 20, 2012
Early Childhood Education Innovation: Pre-K 4 SA

- Recommended by the Brainpower Task Force
- Approved by San Antonio Voters on November 6, 2012
- Purpose: To provide 4 year olds with high quality education
- Program implemented over 8 year span:
  - July 1st to June 30, 2021
- Funding: 1/8th sales tax on purchasable items

For more information on Pre-K 4 SA, please visit: http://www.sanantonio.gov/Pre-K4SanAntonio.aspx
Early Childhood Education Innovation: Pre-K 4 SA

- Funding for Pre-K 4 SA is provided via sales tax, state and federal grants
- Operating budget for current school year = $23 million
  - Projected budget for 2015 is $31 million
- 8 Year budget = $46 million

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Early Childhood Education Innovation: Pre-K 4 SA

Eligibility Requirements:

- At or below 185% of Federal Poverty level
- Unable to speak or comprehend English as a second language
- Child of an active duty member of US Armed Forces
- Child of injured or deceased member while serving active duty in the US Armed forces
- Homeless
- Currently or previously in foster care

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Early Childhood Education Innovation: Pre-K 4 SA

- Curriculum Selection
  - Frog Street Press
- Staffing
- Child Nutrition
- Transportation
  - Star Shuttle, Inc
- Education Centers
  - Partnership with school districts
- School Starts: August 26th

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Early Childhood Education Innovation: Promise Neighborhood

• **Mission:** To unite institutional and resident stakeholders to leverage and strengthen the neighborhood’s assets and resources so that children and families are inspired to stay, grow and graduate.

• Encompasses approximately:
  – 17,955 people
  – 50 churches (many serving African American Populations)
  – 296 private businesses & social service organizations
  – Six schools

• Area is majority Hispanic (67.5%)

• Area spans 3.5 miles

For more information on Eastside Promise Neighborhood, please visit: [http://www.eastsidepromise.org/](http://www.eastsidepromise.org/)
Early Childhood Education Innovation: Promise Neighborhood

• 10 Promises:
  – Children Enter Kindergarten
  – Improve academic performance
  – Transition from Elementary to Middle to High School
  – College Degree & job training certification
  – Healthy learning = Aligned learning & Enrichment activities
  – Safety
  – Stable communities
  – Support schools
  – Access to 21st Century learning tools

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**Early Childhood Pipeline**

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<th>Strategy</th>
<th>Pre-natal Services</th>
<th>0-8 Months</th>
<th>8-18 Months</th>
<th>18-36 Months</th>
<th>36-48 Months</th>
<th>48-60 Months</th>
<th>5-7 Years</th>
<th>Elementary Education</th>
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<td>Points of Entry</td>
<td>Student Support Teams</td>
<td>Tiered Professional Development for Childcare Centers</td>
<td>0-5 Childcare Subsidies</td>
<td>EPN Early Learning Network</td>
<td>EPN Satellite Pre-K Sites</td>
<td>Kinder Prep Academy</td>
<td>EDI Kinder Assessment</td>
<td>Reading Buddies</td>
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<td>Promote healthy lifestyles and access to affordable, effective health care services to students and families</td>
<td>Pre-Natal Provider Partnerships</td>
<td>Reach Out and Read</td>
<td>Health &amp; Nutrition Initiative – Workshops, Health Fairs, Community Gardens</td>
<td>Family, Friend, and Neighbors Network</td>
<td>Financial Empowerment Centers, Adult Education, Job Training</td>
<td>Family, School, Community Partnership Parent Rooms</td>
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<td>Strengthen family supports by resourcing informal networks and providing financial empowerment opportunities</td>
<td>Development of sustainable model that aligns with local, state early childhood efforts</td>
<td>Correlation between City of San Antonio, SA2020, PreK4SA, P16+ Council, S.A.I.S.D.</td>
<td>Texas’ Infant, Toddler, and Three-Year Old Guidelines Alignment</td>
<td>Texas’ Pre-K Guidelines Alignment</td>
<td>TEKS Alignment</td>
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**Dollars Spent and Impact to Date**

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Early Childhood Education Innovation: Voices for Children

- Partners with District 2 for annual Early Childhood Training & Resource Fair
  - Approximately 400 childcare providers total have attended the fair (2012-2013)
- Content of Workshop
  - Professional Caregiver Program
  - Parent Track
- Cost of Partnership
  - $3,300 (2012-2013)
    - This money goes toward the free CEU’s
    - Food, drinks, and other items are provided by partnerships with local District 2 businesses

For more information on Voices for Children of San Antonio, please visit: http://www.voicessa.org
Making Progress: What Can Mayors Do?

- Invest in expanding pre-school programs
- Build strong partnerships with community organizations
- Continually think about how to leverage resources
- Find ways to improve quality at existing childcare programs through training and certifications
- Use municipal libraries to promote early literacy programs
Thank You

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