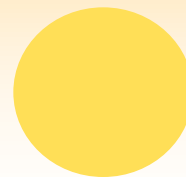


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Briefing  
November 5, 2013**



# Linkage

Linkage is an initiative of Multnomah County's SUN Service System

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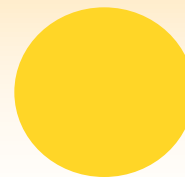
- Foster early support and successful transitions in SUN Community Schools



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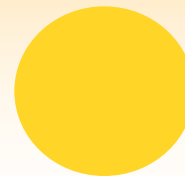
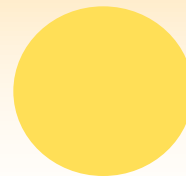
A community-wide campaign in Multnomah County bringing together **early childhood** and **school partners** to promote successful transitions in SUN Community Schools for children and their families

- Register for School by June
- Early Kindergarten Transition Program (EKT)



# Why?

- School Readiness Gap
- Parent Involvement
- School-based Transition Policies/Practices
- Chronic Absence



# Register for School by June

**REGISTER FOR SCHOOL**  
*by June*

Will your child be 5 years old by September 1?

Don't wait; register by June before school offices close for the summer.

**Contact your school district to register.**

Centennial School District (503) 760-7990  
Corbett School District (503) 261-4236  
David Douglas School District (503) 252-2900  
Gresham-Barlow School District (503) 618-2450

Parkrose School District (503) 408-2100  
Portland Public Schools (503) 916-3205  
Reynolds School District (503) 661-7200  
Riverdale School District (503) 262-4842

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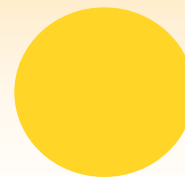
**A nice addition to your parenting toolkit.**

211familyinfo is available as a trusted resource for free advice and referral for those with children **birth to 8 years old**. Dial 211 or text 'children' to 898211 or email [children@211info.org](mailto:children@211info.org) to contact a professional educator to discuss resources for such topics as:

- school readiness and success
- child development
- behavior and discipline
- family stress and anxiety
- parent support groups
- basic family resources

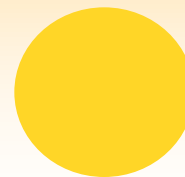
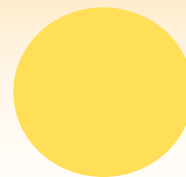
**Need help identifying your school?** ☎ DIAL 211 📱 TEXT your zip code to 898211

- 2 month campaign – April and May
- Mobilize families, schools and the community as partners in getting children registered for kindergarten before school offices close



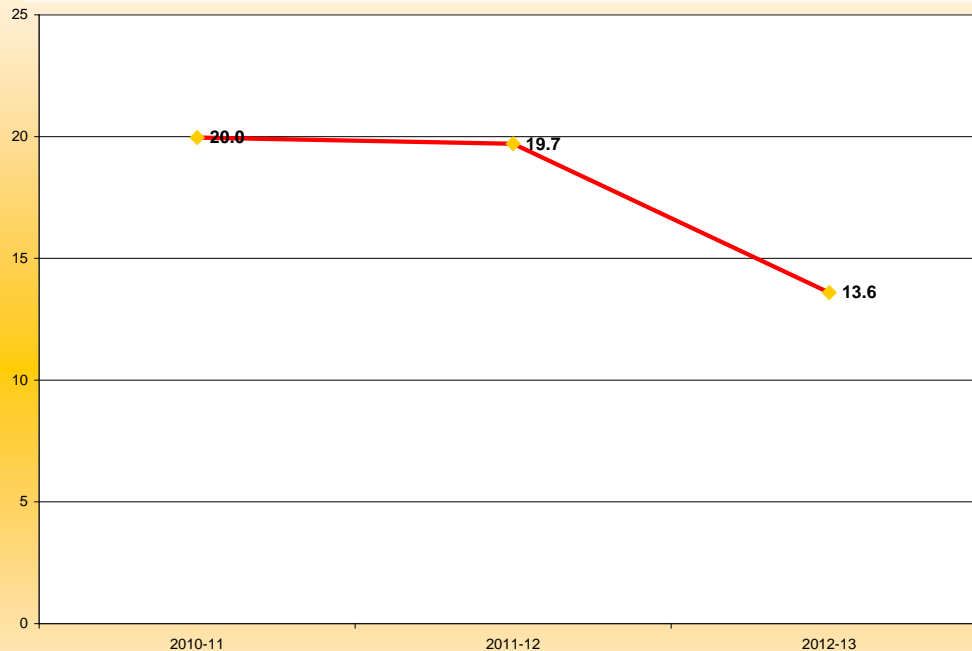
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- Project LAUNCH
- Healthy Kids
- Library
- DHS
- Home Forward, CDCs
- Parks and Recreation
- Head Start
- Ready for Kindergarten Collaborative
- WIC
- Univision
- Schools
- 2-1-1
- Child Care Resource & Referral

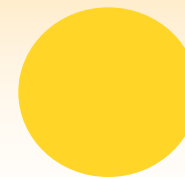
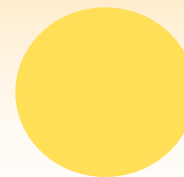


# Register for School by June

% Record Creation in September for KG Students

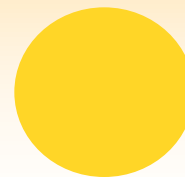
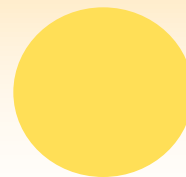


In the first year of the campaign, late registrations decreased from **20%** each of the past two years to **14%.**





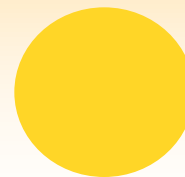
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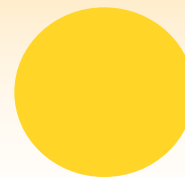
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- Occurs at the school for 2-3 weeks in the summer
- Reach children entering that particular school who have had 1) little or no preschool experience 2) transitioning from Head Start
- Children AND Parents/Caregivers
- Children's classroom is staffed by kindergarten teacher from the school



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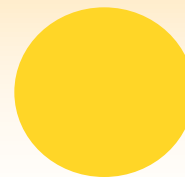
- Increase **parental involvement** in their child's learning
- Reduce **chronic absenteeism** in kindergarten
- Promote **children's success** in school



# Early Kindergarten Transition Program

## Summer 2013

- 21 SUN Community Schools across 6 districts
- 409 children and 382 parents/caregivers participated
- 51% no preschool experience, 34% Head Start
- 82% of children were from a culturally-specific community
- 26 primary languages spoken at home
- Over 2800 books distributed (Library, Children's Book Bank, Scholastic, Ready for Kindergarten Collaborative)
- Literacy coaching visits to all schools (Library)
- External Evaluation by Andrew Mashburn, Ph.D. of PSU



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