

Kindergarten COUNTS



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Linkage

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

GOAL:

- 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
Will your child be 5 years old by September 1?
Don't wait; register by June before school offices close for the summer.

by June

Inscríbese en la escuela antes de junio. Llame al 211 para identificar su escuela.

Đăng ký Học chậm nhất vào tháng Sáu. Gọi 211 để xác định trường học của quý vị.

Зарегистрируйтесь в школе до июня. Позвоните на 211, чтобы найти свою школу.

Contact your school district to register.

Centennial School District (503) 760-7990	Parkrose School District (503) 408-2100
Corbett School District (503) 281-4236	Portland Public Schools (503) 916-3205
David Douglas School District (503) 252-2900	Reynolds School District (503) 661-7200
Gresham-Barlow School District (503) 618-2450	Riverdale School District (503) 262-4842

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A nice addition to your parenting toolkit.

211 **family info** 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 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



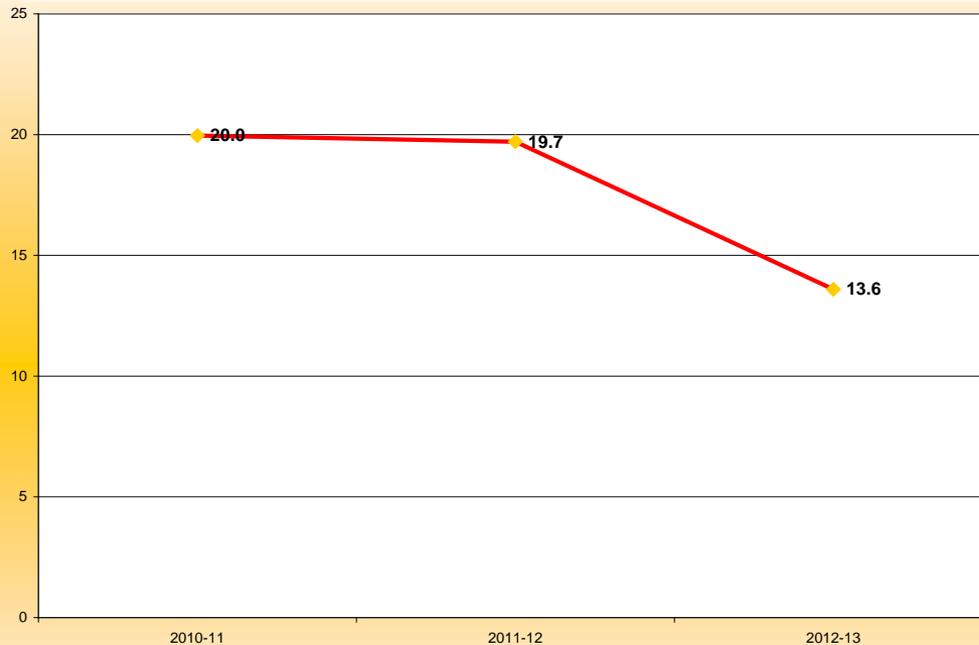
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- Project LAUNCH
- Healthy Kids
- Library
- DHS
- Home Forward, CDCs
- Parks and Recreation
- Head Start
- Ready for Kindergarten Collaborative
- WIC
- Univision
- Schools
- 2-1-1
- Child Care Resource & Referral



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%**.





Early Kindergarten Transition Program



Early Kindergarten Transition Program

- 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



Early Kindergarten Transition Program

- 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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