

TECCS in Action

Case Study: Santa Monica California



Early Development Instrument (EDI) Statistics

Year of EDI collection:	2011-2012
Number of Schools:	8
Number of Teachers:	27
Number of Children:	567

Communication of EDI Results

Connections For Children, together with the Santa Monica Child Care and Early Education Task Force, has held a series of meetings for presentation and in-depth discussion of EDI results. For audiences that need a less detailed overview, the 2012/13 Youth Well-Being Report Card, presents EDI data alongside data from other sources.

Funders

- City of Santa Monica Human Services Division
- Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
- Other contributors, including Connections For Children

Community Use of the EDI Results

Supporting Local Needs Assessments

The EDI results have been instrumental in supporting local needs assessments. The five domains were reflected in the Santa Monica 2012/13 Youth Well-Being Report Card, which was launched in October 2012. This report has been the basis for ongoing discussion about how to meet the developmental needs of all children and youth in Santa Monica to ensure they have the resources necessary to succeed.

Informing Investments

The Santa Monica Cradle to Career (c2c) Initiative is working to build a shared agenda, priorities, and policy to sustain an effective and vital system to facilitate healthy child and youth development in a safe environment. The EDI results, along with other resources on school-age children and older youth, have provided the shared data needed to inform the c2c Initiative, and to engage stakeholders in this system. EDI results inform decision-making and prioritizing of policy and programs for the Santa Monica Child Care and Early Education Task Force, which serves as the collective impact collaborative group for young children.

The Future

Next Steps

Among the next steps is to finalize the c2c Work Plan and present it to institutional partners. The Work Plan is informed by community-wide data, including EDI results. Proposed action steps to increase kindergarten readiness include developing a comprehensive initiative for children birth through three, increasing access to quality pre-school for all low-income families, building greater capacity to train early childhood professionals, and expanding resources for early mental health and violence prevention programs. Priorities for immediate, mid-term, and long-range initiatives will be based, in large part, on the EDI data.

The Long-Term

The goal of the Santa Monica c2c is to use shared data including the EDI and shared priorities to align, coordinate, and improve the many systems that impact children's well-being. The 2012/13 Youth Well-Being Report Card is helping to leverage a broad coalition of stakeholders who want to see city resources used to develop human capital as well as to build infrastructure for buildings, landscape, maintenance, and transportation. Future steps may include aligning the City's Human Services Grants Program with the c2c Work Plan goals and outcomes.

Federal Early Childhood Initiatives Being Leveraged

- Child Care Development Block Grant

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