



Tulsa's Partnership for School Readiness

... an affiliate of Smart Start Oklahoma



Highlights of Tulsa's
commitment to early
childhood development



*Celebrating accomplishments
of Tulsans working together
to make sure all children
enter school healthy and
ready to succeed!*

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Healthy babies and effective early parenting

Prenatal care



- ⌘ Tulsa's Babyline makes 4,600 appointments each year for high risk pregnant women
- ⌘ Area prenatal clinics provide affordable care
- ⌘ Family Health Coalition addresses impacts on pregnancy of substance abuse, smoking, depression, and domestic violence

Reducing infant mortality



- ⌘ Healthy Start case management and health promotion serves 300 high risk mothers each year

Parent bonding & education



- ⌘ Children First nurse home visitors assist 800 first-time mothers
- ⌘ Healthy Families engages and supports over 200 pregnant women
- ⌘ JumpStart Baby Basics Guides are distributed to over 1,800 pregnant women
- ⌘ Parent Education Network members, including Parents As Teachers, address critical parenting skills
- ⌘ Outreach engages Hispanic families

Fathers' involvement



- ⌘ The Tulsa Fatherhood Coalition sponsors community training events preparing community agencies to better engage new fathers in their children's early development

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Preventive health care and early treatment

Health screenings



- ⌘ Hundreds of children receive free health and dental screenings each year -- many through volunteer doctors and nurses

Preventive health care & early treatment

Children's health & nutrition in child care centers



- ⌘ The Child Care Resource Center's Health Consultant assists over 500 care providers who receive health and safety training
- ⌘ The CCRC Food Program provides 2,500 children with healthy meals and snacks in child care

Screening for developmental delays, disabilities, learning & behavioral health problems



⌘ Plans for collaborative screening among:

- Tulsa Child Guidance Center
- Tulsa Healthy Start
- Tulsa Healthy Families
- Parent Child Center
- Sooner Start
- Public schools' special education departments
- Private physicians

Disabilities - early intervention



- ⌘ Early Intervention Collaborative's upcoming study report and recommendations
- ⌘ Child behavioral health study, building awareness of needs and opportunities for change



Early care and learning

Quality, affordable child care



- ⌘ United Way's Success By 6[®] Initiative impacts 32 centers and homes
- ⌘ Child Care Resource Center expands training and support to child care providers
- ⌘ DHS STARS quality levels, tied to increased funding
- ⌘ Formal education offered for providers through TCC, Tulsa Tech, and others

Pre-K



- ⌘ Over half of all 4-year-olds in Tulsa County -- 5,200 children -- are in public school 4-year-old programs ...over 2,000 in full day programs
- ⌘ Georgetown University's studies and reports on successful impact of Tulsa Public Schools Pre-K program, November, 2004

Head Start



- ⌘ CAPTC serves 1,200 3 and 4 year olds in Head Start, and over 150 infants and toddlers in Early Head Start
- ⌘ Head Start collaborates with public Pre-K at several school sites

Care for children with special needs



- ⌘ Child Care Resource Center provides technical assistance to child care providers through new “Unique Environments” training
- ⌘ CCRC Child Care Health Consultant expands role for greater assistance to children with special needs

Integrating pre-school with first years of school



McClure Early Childhood Center

- ⌘ Model early childhood facilities sponsored by CAPTC Head Start located on elementary school sites, helping improve program continuity
- ⌘ Planned Tulsa Educare facility... new model focused on infants and toddlers, to be located on Kendall-Whittier site

Engaging parents, volunteers & others in early literacy



- ⌘ Over 100 *Read Now!* volunteers read with young children in child care and other pre-school settings
- ⌘ Raising A Reader engages parents through child care sites to improve early reading skills
- ⌘ Library programs promote an early and lifelong love of reading

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Policies and resources
supporting positive
early childhood
development

In Tulsa, working together for change



- ⌘ Metropolitan Human Services Commission (MHSC)
... Tulsa's policy and planning partnership

Partners:

- City of Tulsa
- Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Tulsa Area United Way
- Tulsa City-County Health Department
- Tulsa County
- Tulsa Public Schools
- Union Public Schools
- representatives from the business
and faith communities

In Tulsa, working together for change ... continued:



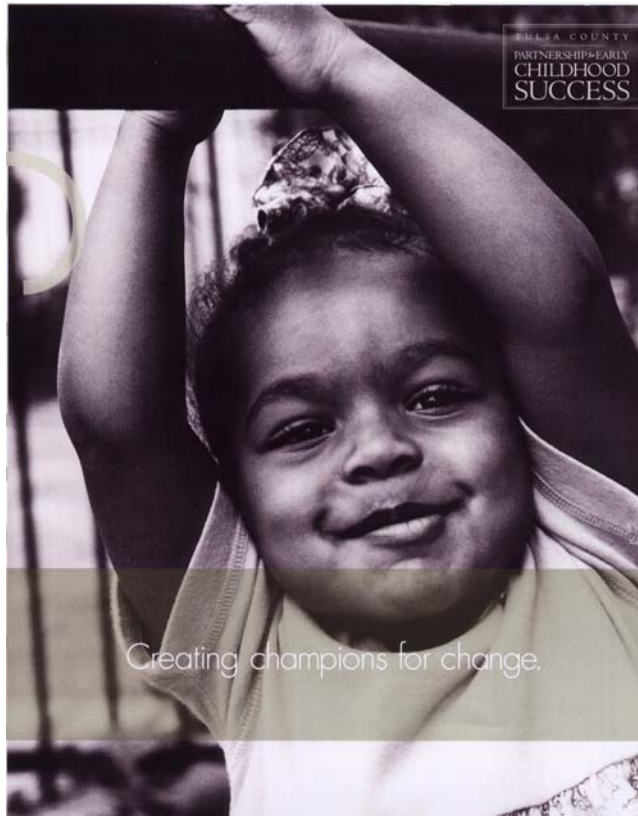
- ⌘ Tulsa County Partnership for Early Childhood Success, part of the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness (Smart Start Oklahoma)
 - ⌘ Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa (CSC)
 - ⌘ Community Action Program of Tulsa County (CAPTC)
 - ⌘ Tulsa Children's Consortium
- ...and many other partners

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Community mobilization,
engaging all sectors in
improving early childhood
development



JumpStart Tulsa community engagement



- ⌘ Engaging all sectors of the community to do their part
- ⌘ Recognizing community accomplishments
- ⌘ An initiative of the Tulsa County Partnership for Early Childhood Success and the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness





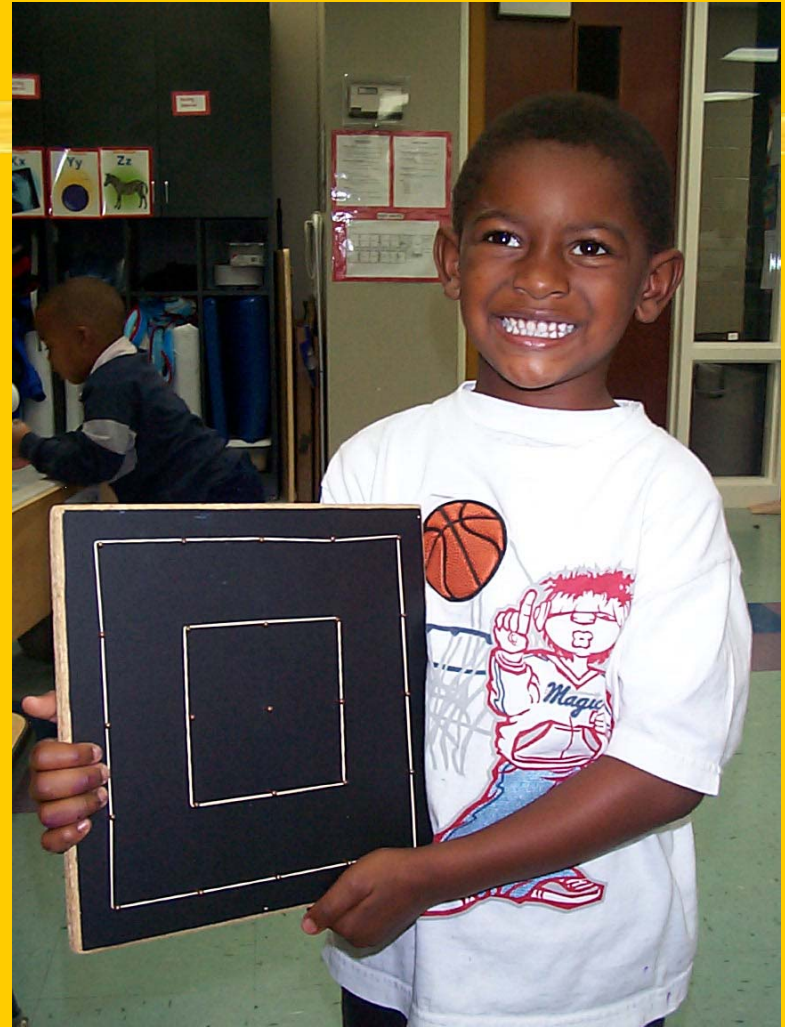
What's coming?

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- ⌘ Continuing emphasis on increasing quality
- ⌘ More focus on youngest children, ages 0-3
- ⌘ Even greater progress ... as more and more Tulsans work together to create a bright future for our children and our community

*"Thank you,
Tulsa!"*



Kindergarten, here I come!