



# Neighborhood Partnership Project

## A project with First 5 Alameda County

**THE CHALLENGE**

Kindergarten readiness is made up of one foundational and three advanced building blocks (Applied Survey Research, 2015 School Readiness in Alameda County Report).

Only forty-four percent of Alameda County Kindergarteners were strong in all domains of Kindergarten readiness.

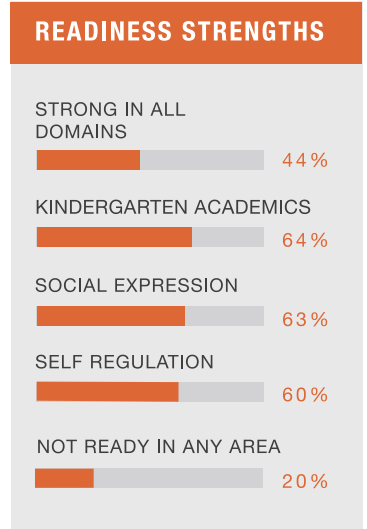
Children who did not attend preschool and English language learners were less likely to be ready for school.

**KINDERGARTEN ACADEMICS**

**SELF-REGULATION**

**SOCIAL EXPRESSION**

**SELF-CARE AND MOTOR SKILLS**



**56%**  
OF ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILDREN ARE NOT FULLY READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

**DESIRED OUTCOMES**

Children are ready for Kindergarten and 3rd grade success

- 1 / Increased access to school readiness services for children 0-5 and their families
- 2 / Increased knowledge and use of best practices in early childhood and parent support at libraries, and park and recreation institutions
- 3 / Increased collaboration between these public institutions, school districts, and community based organizations
- 4 / Increased capacity for and commitment to sustainable early childhood programming at neighborhood based public institutions

**THE OPPORTUNITY**

Alameda County Kindergarten families reported that prior to school entry:

- 92% used public parks
- 52% used recreational programs

**PROMISING PRACTICES IN KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

12 STAFF TRAINED

OVER 300 HOURS OF STAFF TRAINING COMPLETED

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE FAMILIES 2015-2016

- 46 parents and caregivers participated
- 50 children served (26 infants and toddlers, 24 preschoolers)
- For a majority of families, Spanish is their home language.
- 73% of children served were not enrolled in licensed childcare (including preschool)
- 100% of parents surveyed reported services were respectful of their personal background
- 100% of parents surveyed reported they learned something new about their child's strengths or needs
- 90% of parents surveyed reported knowing more now about how to help their child express emotions in a positive way
- 70% of parents surveyed reported playing some or a lot more with their child now

## IN THE FIRST 3 YEARS ...

392

PARENT CHILD  
PLAYGROUP  
SESSIONS

38

PARENTING  
EDUCATION  
CLASSES

### FAMILIES ARE SAYING:

"I am very glad I found a group in my neighborhood of West Oakland."

"[As a parent], I'm communicating better, reading more."

"I think this program is giving my child a strong foundation.... I can see that she is more confident and happy.... I love this play group!!!"

"[I learned] he loves letters! Inspires me to help him identify new letters and words."

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### PROGRAMS IN ACTION



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