

WAYNE RESA SPONSORED EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES in LEAs

PUBLIC AWARENESS ACTIVITIES	GROUP MEETINGS & PARENT EDUCATION	PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY EXPERIENCES in PRESCHOOL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Districts sent cards or letters to households with young children informing them of the Early Childhood Initiative activities in their district. Letters are sent under the signature of the superintendent or designee. -Distributed parent newsletters, brochures, and pamphlets with information on quality early childhood education and care. -Disseminated information at community events that families attend, parades & parent fairs. -Offered field trips for families to activities of interest to 0-5 age group; plays, parks, music performances. -Created and offered early childhood calendar of events and activities on local district web page. -Broadcasted over district cable tv early childhood upcoming local activities & the Be Their Hero public awareness video messages. -Disseminated Be Their Hero posters and bookmarkers from Wayne RESA. -Utilized RESA purchased household addresses to reach families not yet connected to the district & establish a relationship to insure future enrollment of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provided topic focused workshops and meetings at times convenient to families, ie. evenings, Saturday mornings. -Provided food, childcare and transportation to participants attending meetings. -Identified speakers to present developmentally appropriate information to families. -Worked with libraries to do early literacy education activities for adults and children in the local community. -Targeted workshop content to include and reach the following populations: teen parent, blended family, grandparent, foster care families. -Offered parent-child activities by targeting specific ages of children. Terrific Twos in Plymouth, Terrific Threes in Dearborn, etc. -Provided parent and caregiver support group opportunities to share information with other parents while children play in a school setting. -Provided make-it take-it activities, scrap booking, portfolio collecting experiences that demonstrate to parents the value of collecting children's work and observing development over a period of time. -Created lending libraries with books, tapes, videos, and toys in early childhood centers. Established elementary school drop-off and pick-up points for EC materials. -Purchased & distributed READY Kits for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarten readiness round-up programs. -Offered many parent education programs including STEP, Motor Moms & Dads, and Love & Logic. -Provided or partnered with other community groups in providing parent expo opportunities. -Provided workshops on the latest brain research and development information, discipline alternatives to spanking, and other hot topic seminars of interest for parents and caregivers of young children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conducted combined meetings with Pre Kindergarten through second grade teachers and exchanged appropriate school readiness ideas. -Engaged district-wide staff in EC activities demonstrating the district's commitment to all children birth to 12th grade. -Maintained updated list of available preschools in community and utilized 4C to link families to high quality care. -Invited local childcare providers to training opportunities in the district. -Organized and worked on local task force efforts to increase capacity for quality childcare in communities, i.e. Everybody READY. -Provided opportunities for staff working with young children to attend professional development activities.

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