

2015 SCHOOL READINESS SUMMIT APPLICATION

The Governor's Office of Early Childhood is pleased to announce the 2015 School Readiness Summit. The purpose of Kentucky's School Readiness Summit is to help school districts, early learning providers and community organizations throughout the commonwealth make the vital connections and collaborations necessary for student success from birth through grade 3. *Preparing children for school is a COMMUNITY issue!*

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

10AM-3PM EST

Convention Center | 405 Mero St. | Frankfort, KY 40601

Participation in the 2015 School Readiness Summit is limited to 25-30 teams across the state. Participating teams will be selected through an application process. Selected teams will participate in this 1-day event focusing on three areas:

- Helping Superintendents understand that collective action with community partners and parents is the key to preparing more children for school entry;
- Providing the tools and knowledge to allow schools to engage partners and the public in preparing children in the early years; and
- Improving coordination between Early Childhood Education and Community partners

Most expenses will be covered for participating teams using National Governor's Association (NGA) grant funds. Included will be lunch, and all materials needed for the day. (Overnight lodging and mileage will not be included).

To be considered for participation in this event, participating teams must agree to the following:

- Complete a self assessment that will be used at the Summit
- Attend the entire 1-day event;
- Bring a minimum of three to five local community leaders: Preference will be given to applicants whose teams include a diverse group of community partners; family representative or family liaison, Community Early Childhood Council (CECC) member, Head Start/Early Head Start Director, Early Childhood Director, Child Care representative; librarian, curriculum specialist, higher education partner, civic or business leader;
- Report on implementation progress and share strategies that will enhance student achievement at kindergarten entry; and
- Agree to attend the spring follow up meeting to share data and successes (e.g., professional learning community, webinars, and monthly follow up).

***The deadline to submit applications is October 23, 2015.**

Attestation: I attest that all team members listed below commit to the requirements and commitments listed above.

If you have questions or need assistance identifying potential 0-5 community-based partners in your area please contact: Jennifer Miller at Jennifers.Miller@ky.gov

***Please note:** information regarding the School Readiness Summit will be communicated via email, including notification of acceptance of participation. Please provide a valid email address that you will be able to access during the review period.

Selected teams will be notified by October 30th, 2015 to participate in the School Readiness Summit.

District:
Superintendent:
Phone:
Email:

Required Core Team (See above)

Team Member 1

Role:

Phone:

Email:

Team Member 2

Role:

Phone:

Email:

Team Member 3

Role:

Phone:

Email:

Team Member 4

Role:

Phone:

Email:

Team Member 5

Role:

Phone:

Email:

We are recruiting teams at various levels of collaboration/implementation of PreK-3rd grade efforts. Please respond to the questions below.

1. How would you describe your team's current collaboration/implementation of P-3 efforts?

- Well established
- Moderately established
- Minimally established
- Not established

2. Do you understand the purpose of attending the School Readiness Summit as a collaborative team?

- Very strong understanding
- Moderate understanding
- Minimal understanding
- No understanding

3. What would you consider to be your team's greatest area of need in regards to P-3 efforts?
(You may choose more than one)

- Cross-sector collaboration
- Administrator Effectiveness (in regards to P-3 efforts)
- Teacher Effectiveness (in regards to P-3 efforts)

- Engaged families
- Effective data-driven improvements
- Instructional tools
- Learning environment
- Other: Please describe

4. How would you describe your level of community partnering with a focus on the increased levels of student achievement and enhanced learning outcomes as target outcomes?

- Very strong emphasis
- Moderate emphasis
- Minimal emphasis
- No emphasis

5. Explain your current collaborative efforts to achieve school readiness. What do you hope to achieve by participating in the School Readiness Summit?

*Deadline to submit your application is October 23, 2015.
*Successful applicants will be notified by October 30, 2015.

By submitting this application to participate in the 2015 School Readiness Summit, all identified team members agree to the above requirements.