

Early Learning Innovation in a Time of Crisis

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Kent County at a Glance

4,100

children of any
one age level
are economically
disadvantaged

20,500

children under age
five are economically
disadvantaged

44,500

total children
under age five live
in Kent County

17,000

children under age
five have public
health insurance



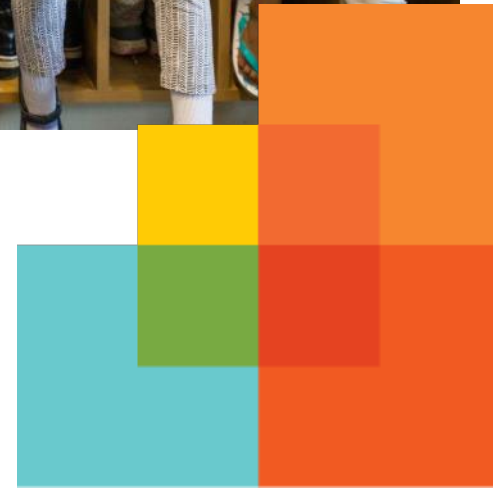
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Millage Approved!

Kent County voters overwhelmingly approved the Ready by Five Early Childhood Millage on November 6, 2018.

The six-year millage generates approximately \$6.5 million each year of dedicated funding for community-based early childhood programs, ensuring children and their families have access to vital services.



Goals of Ready by Five

Increase early learning opportunities and child health by increasing access to quality programming for expecting mothers and children ages 0-5 in Kent County

Increase cross-sector collaboration between providers to ensure families are being connected with needed services in the form of a warm handoff through referrals and data sharing

Reduce outcome disparities across specific target populations by ensuring culturally relevant services that are inclusive of all populations as well as supporting programs that serve traditionally underserved community members based on their racial or ethnic background, zip code of residence, or cultural factors



Millage Process Established



- Proposals submitted by service providers
- Resident Proposal Review Board, featuring 4 parents, recommends funding
- Approval by First Steps Kent Commission, then Kent County Board of Commissioners
- Currently preparing for our 6th round of funding
- Fund 30 partner organizations, through more than 40 programs
- Have served approximately 15,000 children and expectant parents





Questions & Discussion



GLR 2023:
What's Working Xchange (WWX)

INVITATION

The Campaign for
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This invitation to share is open to everyone!

We are gathering information about a few strategies related to **learning loss recovery**.

The form is quick and easy to complete. This information will help all of us understand what's happening in our communities and support engagement that will unfold later this year.

Here is the link to complete your responses:
[WHAT'S WORKING QUESTION FORM](#)



Upcoming GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinars:

GLR LEARNING TUESDAYS: LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

Preventing Burnout and #Resignation: Investing in Teacher Coaching and Support
Tuesday, February 28, 3–4:30 p.m. ET/12–1:30 p.m. PT

FUNDER-TO-FUNDER CONVERSATION

Co-sponsored by The Patterson Foundation

Digital Access & Telehealth: What's Working? What Are the Challenges? And What Are the Opportunities?
Tuesday, March 7, 12:30-1:45 p.m. ET/9:30–10:45 a.m. PT

LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE WEBINAR

Co-sponsored by New America

Promoting Impactful Teaching and Learning in Kindergarten, Session #5
Tuesday, March 7, 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET/12-1:30 p.m. PT

GLR LEARNING TUESDAYS: LEARNING LOSS RECOVERY CHALLENGE

Smart ESSER Investments: Summer and Out-of-School Time
Tuesday, March 14, 3–4:30 p.m. ET/12–1:30 p.m. PT

Please stand by...Webinar will begin momentarily!

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