

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		January 2020		
REPORT ON STRONGER TOGETHER MISSOURI, PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT BIRTH TO FIVE				
STATUTORY AUTHORITY:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Section 161.092, RSMo		Consent Item	Action Item	Report Item
STRATEGIC PRIORITY				
<p>Access, Opportunity, Equity – Provide all students access to a broad range of high-quality educational opportunities from early learning into post-high school engagement.</p>				
SUMMARY				
<p>In March 2019, the state of Missouri received a \$6.5 million competitive Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5). The purpose of the grant was to strengthen state systems to increase high-quality opportunities for young children and their families.</p>				
<p>On December 23, 2019, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education received a renewal of the grant for three years, at \$11.1 million dollars per year. The total of \$33.5 million dollars will be spent to achieve the following goals:</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create regional access to coordinated early childhood services to better meet families’ needs • Enhance and streamline training opportunities for early learning professionals • Improve systems to better inform decision-making about early learning 				
<p>A progress update will be provided about the PDG B-5 first year. Information on the planned activities for the renewal grant will be shared.</p>				
PRESENTERS				
<p>Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner; Jo Anne Ralston, Coordinator, Office of Quality Schools; and Pam Thomas, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Talent Development, will assist in the presentation and discussion of this item.</p>				

State Board of Education

Preschool Development Grant B-5



January 9, 2020



Stronger Together Missouri

- Strengthen state systems to increase high-quality opportunities for young children and their families



Stronger Together Missouri

- Application submitted November 5, 2018
- \$6.5 million award announced January 2019
- Grant awarded March 7, 2019
- Grant completion December 31, 2019
- Extension approved through March 31, 2020



Stronger Together Missouri

- First comprehensive early childhood care and education needs assessment
- Service data linked across agencies
- Expanded Strategic Plan
- Collaboration across agencies and others strengthened



Priority Findings

- Families are unclear on available services.
 - ❑ What is available
 - ❑ Where to access programs
 - ❑ What programs cost
- Programs
 - ❑ 104 counties are “childcare deserts”.
 - ❑ Many programs are of unknown quality.
- Funding is a challenge for providers.
- Interagency coordination and collaboration can be improved.
- Data systems are neither integrated nor accessible.

Activity Status



Activity	Complete	Extension
Needs Assessment	✓	
Strategic Plan Update	✓	
Maximizing Parental Choice and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Cafes Home Visiting Regional Networking Parent Language Materials
Sharing Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ✓ ✓ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trauma Awareness Trainings 70 T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships Career Pathways Advisory Meetings Data Systems Integration Media Campaign
Improving Quality	✓	Quality Assurance Report Improvement Strategies

Blue text denotes activities beyond grant requirements



Ready to Learn

- Application submitted November 5, 2019
- \$11.1 million award announced December 2019
- Three year grant period (\$33.5 million total)
- 46 state and territories applied
 - ❑ 39 Current recipients – 14 awarded to date
 - ❑ 6 New applications awarded



Ready to Learn

- Create regional access to coordinated early childhood services to better meet families' needs
- Enhance and streamline training opportunities for early learning professionals
- Improve systems to better inform decision-making about early learning



Next 60 Days

Stakeholders	Strategic Plan	Family Engagement	Professional Development	Quality Programs	Data, Evaluation
Kickoff Meeting	Project Management	Coordinated Enrollment	Professional Development Registry	QAR Pilot	Data Summit
Communications Plan (brand, website, infographic, etc.)	CBEC, DESE Strategic Plan Alignment	Engagement Framework	T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships	Regional Hub Identification	DRDP/ Kindergarten Entry Assessment
		Parent Leadership Training	Leadership Academies	Advisory Councils	Longitudinal Data System (P-20W)



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