

School Districts and Community Programs: Working Together to Support Children and Families

Belton

The Belton School District has an enrollment of 4,739 students with a 43.1 percent free and reduced lunch rate. At the Grace Early Childhood Care & Education Center, Belton serves approximately 53 infants and toddlers and 345 preschool-age children. The center utilizes funds from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, parent fees, the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services (DSS), United Way, Child Care Block Grants, the Missouri Preschool Project, Title I, Early Childhood Special Education and local district funds. All of the funding streams work together to provide the highest quality of comprehensive services to families including home visits, classroom experiences, parenting workshops, family activities and resources, and child care to compliment the educational programming and to meet the needs of families. The district also works to coordinate professional-development opportunities for early childhood professionals in the community so that all children and their families can benefit.

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Calhoun

The Calhoun School District is a rural district serving 143 students with a 59.3 percent free and reduced lunch rate. Quality early childhood education is received by 70 children in the district ages 6 weeks through 5 years. Programs operate year-round to give working families access to monthly family activity nights and parent education classes, home visits, health and dental screenings, mental health observation, on-site services for children with IEPs, GED and adult basic education classes, and access to free children's books. The Calhoun Early Childhood Center partners with 16 different community organizations to fund this model including the Children's Division of DSS, the West Central Community Early Head Start Program, local churches, the Missouri Preschool Project, Child Care Block Grants, T.E.A.C.H. Missouri, Workshop on Wheels, the county health department, the Dollywood Reading Program, 21st Century Community Learning Centers and the Elks Mobile Dental Program.

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Center

The Center School District serves 2,291 students with a free and reduced lunch rate of 66.9 percent. The district uses many sources of funding in order to provide early childhood educational opportunities for approximately 200 students each year in a licensed and accredited program. Each of the

eight classrooms runs five days a week and has two 3-hour daily sessions with certificated staff. Funding sources include Head Start, the Missouri Preschool Project, Title I, Early Childhood Special Education and local funds. In addition to preschool services, families have access to advocates who assist families in identifying resources and help provide coaching and professional development for staff. The district also utilizes the Parents as Teachers program to screen children, provide a network of support for families and build a community in the district for learning that begins at birth.

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Central Missouri Community Action

Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) is a nonprofit agency that provides a full-day, school-year program for 60 preschool-age children. There are four classrooms with 15 children in each. All children are dually qualified and enrolled in Head Start and Title I. CMCA provides meals and snacks (breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack) through a contract with the Child and Adult Care Food Program. There is no parent fee for the preschool program; therefore, child care subsidy is not applicable. Funds are provided by the Columbia School District (\$274,000), CMCA (\$284,000) and the food program (\$45,000). The Columbia Housing Authority provides the space.

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Clinton

Enrollment for the Clinton School District is 1,759 students with a free and reduced lunch rate of 52.5 percent. Approximately 70 students are provided preschool services of half-day sessions Monday through Friday. The Parents as Teachers program is the strongest partner in recruiting families. The district works with PAT to better assist families in need, review referrals and plan family nights. The district also utilizes Title VI and Title II-A to help with professional-development support for staff.

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Community

Located in a rural area, the Community School District has an enrollment of 318 students with 51 percent qualifying for free and reduced lunches. At the Child and Family Development Center, 20 children ages 3-4 receive full-day preschool services

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in a partnership with Head Start. The Missouri Preschool Project is the main source of funding for the program with Head Start providing some staff and professional development. Families pay tuition based on a sliding-scale fee and assistance from the Children's Division of DSS. Food services are provided with funding from the School Lunch Program during the school year and through the Summer Food Service Program (administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services) during the summer. Services needed for children with IEPs are delivered through Early Childhood Special Education.

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Couch

In southern Missouri, the Couch School District serves 221 students with a free and reduced lunch rate of 57.5 percent. The district uses a variety of funding sources (the Missouri Preschool Project, Title I, the School Lunch Program, the Children's Division of DSS and parent fees) for its early childhood programs to support a full-day classroom of 20 children. The high school child-development class and the sixth grade class also participate in activities with the Missouri Extension Program.

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Greenville

The Greenville School District has a total enrollment of 729 students with a free and reduced lunch rate of 71.4 percent. The district's full-day preschool program serves 30 children. The program is funded by the Missouri Preschool Project, Title I, Early Childhood Special Education and food services. The preschool program also coordinates Parents as Teachers services to provide home visits and group meetings to families and children.

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Hannibal

In the Hannibal School District, there is a 53 percent free and reduced lunch rate for the 3,510 enrolled students. The district utilizes a wide array of funding sources to coordinate early childhood and parent education services to children and their families. New Beginnings is a program that offers high school education, parenting and life skills, and Parents as Teachers services to teens. Collaborating with Early Head Start allows teens to receive free child care while working on graduation requirements. The PAT program and the local Head Start program work together to provide training to Head Start staff so they can deliver PAT services to families beyond the classroom. In addition, the district offers 10 preschool classrooms, consisting of full-day and part-day sessions, using funding from

Title I, the Missouri Preschool Project, Early Childhood Special Education, parent fees and local dollars. These preschool programs serve approximately 174 children, and some classrooms offer extended care for families that need additional hours to meet working parents' schedules. All preschool teachers are certified in PAT and provide visits to the home to strengthen the home and school educational partnership.

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Independence

The Independence School District has a free and reduced lunch rate of 55.2 percent. The district's Early Education Department serves 3,475 children (271 of these children are served by partnership school districts). Children are served in one or more of the following programs: Parent Pay Preschool, Title I Preschool, Head Start, Early Head Start, Even Start and Parents as Teachers. The district's services include child care, parent education, home visits, developmental screenings and a preschool curriculum. Funding sources include the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Children's Division of DSS, Head Start, Early Head Start, Even Start, parent pay and the foster-parent program. The district also receives community support such as donations from KCPT and Hallmark. The total budget for the district's early education program is \$12,530,469.

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Maplewood-Richmond Heights

The Maplewood-Richmond Heights School District has an enrollment of 1,033 students with a 52.5 percent free and reduced lunch rate. The early childhood program serves 90 children in a licensed and accredited preschool program, which consists of three full-day classrooms serving 60 students and a half-day program of 30 students. To ensure that all families have access to preschool, the district has established multiple partnerships including Head Start and the Children's Division of DSS. Webster University and the Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS) partner with the district to provide professional-development support and on-site coaching for preschool teachers. The Special School District of St. Louis County provides programming for children identified with special needs through a combination of itinerant and self-contained services. The Karen Kalish Foundation grant gives some funding for home visits while a Missouri Foundation for Health grant partially funds the Seed to Table program. The district also is working with a local foundation to assist families through a scholarship program.

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Seymour

The Seymour School District has a total enrollment of 821 students with a free and reduced lunch rate of 63 percent. Preschool services are provided to 60 children through half-day sessions in two classrooms. The district has funding from the Missouri Preschool Project, Title I and Early Childhood Special Education. Parents as Teachers assists with annual screenings and with community building through group meetings.

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Springfield

The Springfield School District has a total enrollment of 23,959 students with a 46.4 percent free and reduced lunch rate. Through the district's early childhood program, approximately 850 students are receiving Early Childhood Special Education services, Title I services or a combination of both. Several staff members have been trained in the Parents as Teachers "Three to K" curriculum, along with the "Working with Special Needs Families" curriculum, to ensure quality services to families beyond the classroom. The district is currently working with Head Start to pilot two co-qualifying classrooms with Title I. All families receive PAT home visits with a trained parent educator.

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Sullivan

The Sullivan School District serves 2,160 students with 47.1 percent of students qualifying for free and reduced lunches. The district has four preschool classrooms funded by the Missouri Preschool Project, Head Start, Title I and Early Childhood Special Education (and is planning another Head Start classroom next year). The length varies from half-day

to full-day sessions to better meet the needs of children and families.

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United Services Early Childhood Center

The United Services Early Childhood Center, a community agency, provided services to 259 children from birth to age 3, 862 children from ages 3-5 and 109 family members during the 2009-10 school year. United Services currently contracts with six school districts: Ft. Zumwalt, Orchard Farm, St. Charles, Wentzville, Francis Howell and Warren County. Since the programs are inclusive, children with IEPs or IFSPs are served in a child care or classroom setting right along with their typically developing peers. Therapy services are provided in the child care and preschool rooms. The family members were served through the sibling support group, parenting classes and referrals for services within the community by the agency's social worker. The preschool meets 3 hours per day for two-to-five days a week based on the parental request or the child's IEP. The child care program is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Autism preschool classes are available four days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Funding sources include the six contracted school districts for Early Childhood Special Education classes and therapy services, parent fees for preschool classes and child care services, Senate Bill 40, the United Way, First Steps, the Children's Resource Board, grants, fundraising activities, and donations.

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(Note: All enrollment numbers and free and reduced lunch percentages come from the Department's website. Use the School Statistics button at dese.mo.gov.)

For more information, please visit the following links:

- dese.mo.gov/divimprove/fedprog/earlychild/documents/EarlyChildhoodStandards.pdf
- dese.mo.gov/divimprove/fedprog/earlychild/PreK_Standards/Index.html



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