

Success By 6[®] and the Promise Neighborhoods

Success By 6[®] and partners share the vision of a community in which all Lane County families, organizations, and neighborhoods are unified in an effort to ensure that all children are safe, healthy, cherished and enter school ready to learn.

Success By 6[®] is committed to leading community efforts to impact the following outcomes:

- *Children enter school with age-appropriate literacy skills.*
- *Children enter school with age-appropriate social emotional development.*
- *Parents are equipped to support their child(ren)'s development and education.*

In 2009, two Lane County Promise Neighborhoods were identified to focus efforts to best utilize resources, saturate neighborhoods with programs and services, make measurable impact, and identify effective programs and practices for larger scaling to additional areas.

Baby University: offers parents weekly drop-in parenting education and support at Bethel Community Church. Activities and services offered include: lactation and nutrition information, baby weighing, scrapbooking, "Ask A Parent Educator," and other family activities.

Childcare Networks: six childcare providers in each neighborhood receive technical assistance and supports to increase the quality of their physical environments and early learning curricula including mental health consultations.

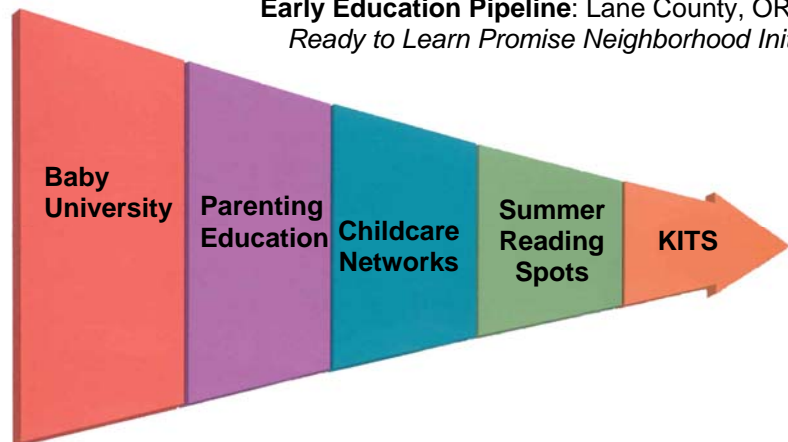
Summer Reading Spots: United Way of Lane County developed a project to match volunteer readers with children participating in Food For Lane County's Summer Lunch program in two parks in the Promise Neighborhoods. In the ten-week 2011 program, there were over 1,200 visits, with each visiting child receiving a donated book, and over 200 volunteer hours were logged.

Kids In Transition to School (KITS): KITS is a brief program provided by Oregon Social Learning Center, 8 weeks prior to kindergarten entry and 8 weeks into the school year that helps children and their families transition to school. Children learn important early literacy and social skills in a classroom setting and parents learn how to support their child's education.

Neighborhood Door-to-Door: each spring, volunteers go door-to-door in the Promise Neighborhoods to let neighbors know about enrollment into the KITS program at Kindergarten Orientation, as well as other summer activities, services and programs for families which helped double attendance numbers.

Data Collection: Success By 6[®] collects early literacy and social emotional data from the schools annually. Success By 6[®] also performs regular Parent Surveys to assess norms, attitudes and needs.

Early Education Pipeline: Lane County, OR
Ready to Learn Promise Neighborhood Initiatives



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