Cradle to K Cabinet Presentation at “Shared Commitments to School Readiness Forum

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Cradle to K Background

- Mayor Hodges formed Cabinet in summer of 2014
- Subcommittees based on goal areas
- 2015 Legislative Priorities
- Develop recommendations and indicators of progress for Mayor
- Draft Report
- Public Comment Period
Goals

1. All children receive a healthy start rich with early experiences that prepares them for successful early education and literacy.

2. All children are stably housed.

3. All children ages prenatal to 3 have continuous access to high quality child development centered care.
Goal One

All children receive a healthy start rich with early experiences that prepares them for successful early education and literacy.
Goal One
Gaps and Alignment Needed

- EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING
- HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
- CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH
- LITERACY AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT
Goal One
Recommendations

1. Increase early childhood screening at age three.

2. Improve mental health services of children birth to three.

3. Decrease the “Word Gap” of children birth to three.

4. Expand targeted home visiting services.

5. Increase community awareness and engagement in the importance of early childhood development.
Goal Two
All children are safely and stably housed.
Goal Two
Gaps and Alignment Needed

- NEED FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILY HOUSING
- ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
- SERVICES TO STABILIZE HOMELESS FAMILIES
Goal Two
Recommendations

1. Increase housing options for the lowest income families at 30% Area Median Income.

2. Target funding to address the needs of homeless children and families to improve their stability while on the path to housing.

3. Provide resources for very-low income families to become economically stable.
Goal Three

All children ages prenatal to 3 have continuous access to high quality child development centered care.
Goal Three
Gaps and Alignment Needed

- Affordable high quality care for low-income families
- Continuous availability of high quality child care slots for low-income families
- Family, friend and neighbor care
Goal Three
Recommendations

1. Ensure that low income families have access to financial resources to afford high quality early learning programs.

2. Increase the number of available high quality child care slots in Minneapolis.

3. Partner with family, friend and neighbor providers to ensure that the children they serve are prepared for kindergarten.