

## Developmental Screening of Children Under 5

5,915 Completed Developmental Screenings

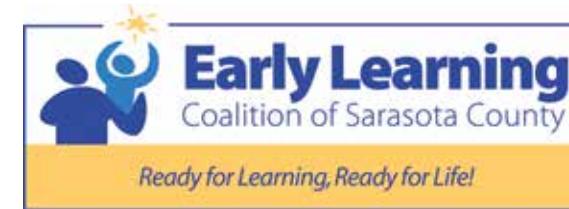
976 (17%) needed further intervention

Detecting developmental delays and determining the next steps, when action has its greatest impact during the early years of life



*“Early childhood programs are the most cost-effective way to ensure the healthy development of children in poverty and offer the greatest returns to society.”*

Ounce of Prevention Fund

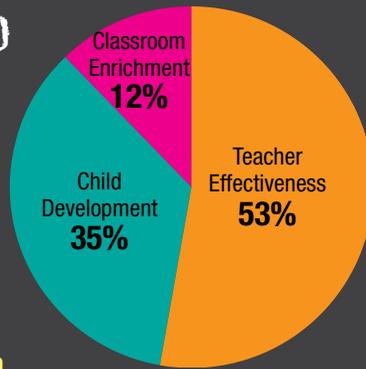


# 2015 Community Report - A Snapshot

## Provider Training

1418 Training Participants

- 95% of early childhood providers demonstrated increased knowledge or skill after completion of training
- 98% of participants were satisfied or very satisfied with the services



Type of Training Held

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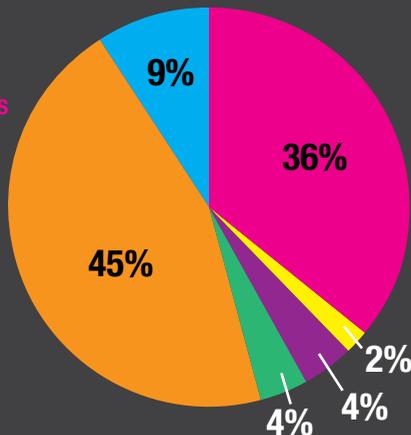
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## Budget

Total Budget \$10,727,467

- SR State Funded Child Care Payments \$3,880,062
- SR Administrative Services \$230,216
- SR Eligibility & Parent Support \$457,906
- SR Quality Enhancements \$412,469
- VPK Child Care Payments \$4,808,652
- Local / Private Funds \$938,162



We also thank all of our many community partners

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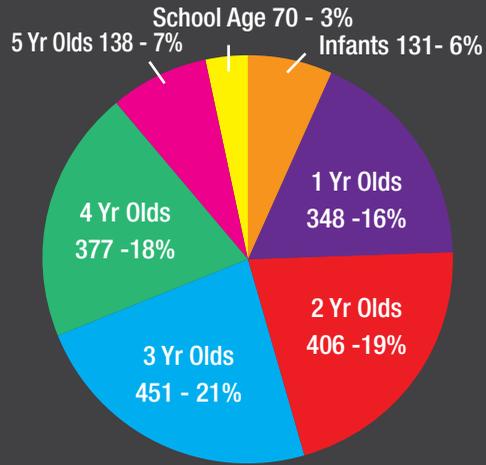
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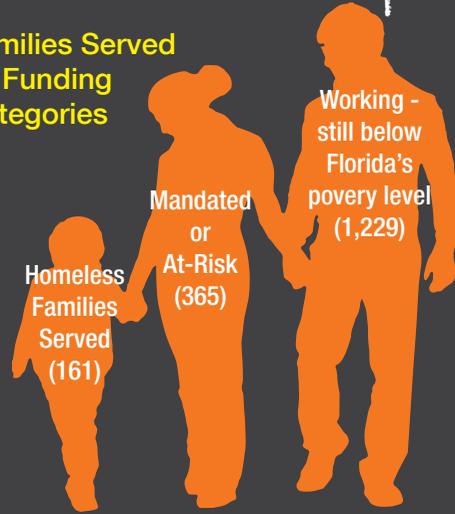
# School Readiness (SR) Financial Scholarships

1,921 Children Served

## Children by Age Group



## Families Served by Funding Categories



## INDUSTRIES WHERE PARENTS WORK



Supporting a parent's education is part of a Two Generation Approach to end poverty. While children attend high quality early learning programs, parents work or attain education that can lead to higher paying jobs.

# 3,150

The number of children in Sarasota ages 0-5 that live in poverty and would not have access to high quality early learning programs to be ready for school. Visit [myfirstbackpack.org](http://myfirstbackpack.org) to see how you can help

# Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)

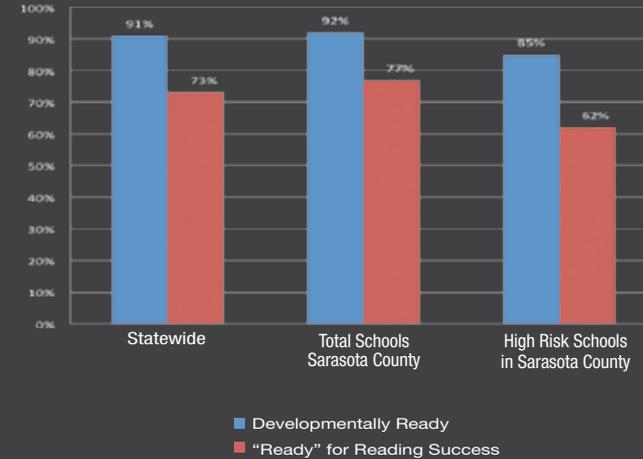
VPK is a state funded program for all 4 year olds to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents choose to participate and in Sarasota County, 2,159 children served.



Approximately 80% of all eligible 4 year olds participate yearly, however some children who need it the most are not being reached with the program.

## SCHOOL READINESS RATES

### School Readiness Comparisons



Total readiness is progressing, however average rates at high risk schools are much lower. These children may never catch up.

To improve school readiness, the ELC is leading two major initiatives within our community's Grade Level Reading campaign

- Establishing new programs in high risk areas, increasing access to children who need it most.
- Facilitating a Bridges to Kindergarten (BTK) summer program for at risk children, with 96% achieving successful school readiness outcomes in its first year.

# Quality Ratings of Childcare

## Look for the Stars

Ensuring that all child care is early learning!

- Based on a 5 Star System, a good quality rating begins at the 3 star level.
- Designed so all early care providers offer high quality learning programs for all children.
- Increased percentage of children served in high quality programs from 38% to 81% since 7 year inception.

# Literacy Programs

Promote reading, encourage use of language and words and impact the "30 million word gap"

- Literacy Buddy Program:** 195 Children in preschool programs were paired with 185 volunteers who corresponded with a child around interests and sent books 3 times a year.
- Book Distributions:** 3500 books provided to 1093 children in 20 sites.

