

Resource Guide

For more information about topics discussed in Pre-K Now's 2008 national conference broadcast, please check out the resources listed below.

Partnering with Home-Based Providers

- Community Connections Reports
A catalog of reports on the Community Connections Preschool Model by Illinois Action for Children
www.actforchildren.org/communityconnections
- Research Connections
A unique, free database of high quality research on early education and child care
www.researchconnections.org
- “Close to home: State strategies to strengthen and support family, friend, and neighbor care”
An overview of policy options for states to support family, friend, and neighbor child care and early education
www.researchconnections.org/location/11626
- “Toward a national strategy to improve family, friend, and neighbor child care: Report of a symposium hosted by the National Center for Children in Poverty”
An overview of current research, practice, and policy in the area of family, friend, and neighbor child care, with recommendations for further research and program improvements by government, nonprofit, and private institutions
www.researchconnections.org/location/10465
- “Massachusetts Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Pilot Program: FY08 evaluation”
Executive summary of an implementation and early outcome evaluation of the Massachusetts Universal Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Program
www.researchconnections.org/location/14783
- “Connecting Schools and Family Child Care Homes”
A research brief with examples of how schools reach out to and work with family child care providers
www.yale.edu/21c/publications.html

Community Collaboration

- Eau Claire 4 Tomorrow
Information about the community collaboration in Eau Claire, Wisconsin
www.ecasd.k12.wi.us/departments/ci/headstart/EC4T/main.htm
- Community Collaboration Coaches
Resources about Wisconsin's community collaboration coaches from the Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners
www.collaboratingpartners.com/coaches.htm

- National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA)
A leading voice and source for information about child care
www.naccrra.org
- "Better Outcomes for All: Promoting Partnerships between Head Start and State Pre-K"
A report examining how Head Start and state pre-kindergarten programs can work together to better serve young children and their families
www.preknow.org/go/betteroutcomesforall
- "A Center Piece of the Pre-K Puzzle: Providing State Pre-kindergarten in Child Care Centers"
A report outlining a model for providing state pre-kindergarten in child care classrooms
www.nwlc.org/details.cfm?id=3205§ion=childcare
- "Common Visions Different Paths Five States' Journeys toward Comprehensive Prenatal-to-Five Systems"
A report exploring how states can build comprehensive early childhood systems around a common vision of coordinated, affordable, high-quality early care and education, health and mental health, and family support services
www.preknow.org/go/commonvision
- "State Advisory Councils: Creating Systems of Early Education and Care"
A look at the opportunities presented by new federal requirements that states create advisory councils on early education and care
www.preknow.org/go/stateadvisorycouncils

Professional Development

- North Carolina Office of School Readiness Professional Development Resources
An information clearinghouse for North Carolina's early childhood education professionals, including teachers and administrators in public schools, child care centers, and Head Start
<http://www.osr.nc.gov/ProfDevandResources/index.asp>
- The PreK-K Teachers' Performance Appraisal Instrument
Information about the instrument used by the Teacher Licensure Unit's mentors and evaluators to assess pre-k teaching practices
www.education.uncc.edu/pkktpai/
- "Role, Relevance, Reinvention: Higher Education in the Field of Early Care and Education"
A report calling for a reinvention of higher education programs for early childhood educators
www.cayl.org/files/Role%20Relevance%20Reinvention%20with%20cover.pdf
- "Common Core Content and Areas of Specialization"
Resources on New Mexico's professional development structure for early childhood educators
www.newmexicokids.org/Resource/Library/LaRistraPDF/cc%20indicator.pdf

- “Recruitment and Training of Minority Personnel in Early Care and Education: A Collaborative Model Between Communities and Higher Education Systems in New Mexico”

A report on pre-k teacher recruitment and training efforts in New Mexico

www.newmexicokids.org/Resource/Library/ContJourneyNEW%20copy.pdf

- “Raising Preschool Teacher Qualifications”

A report on New Jersey’s professional development initiatives

www.trustforearlyed.org/docs/NJAbbotBrief.pdf

Resources Helpful for Advocacy in Tough Economic Times

- "American Voters' Views on Pre-Kindergarten"

A 2008 Pre-K Now survey of registered voters found that nearly seven in 10 voters want more federal support for state pre-k.

www.preknow.org/go/votersviews

- “Dollars and Sense: A Review of Economic Analyses of Pre-K”

Easy-to-use information from ten landmark studies of early education including cost-benefit data and projected returns on expanded state and federal pre-k investments

www.preknow.org/go/dollarsandsense

- "Meaningful Investments in Pre-K: Estimating the Per-Child Costs of Quality Programs"

The Institute for Women's Policy Research estimates the costs of quality improvements including teacher credentials and class-size ratios in this policy brief.

www.preknow.org/go/meaningfulinvestments

- "The Pre-K Pinch: Early Education and the Middle Class"

Pre-K Now's newest report reveals that eligibility requirements and prohibitively high costs lead many middle-class families to sacrifice basic household needs to pay for early education and care for their children, or to settle for low-quality options with unproven benefits.

www.preknow.org/go/pre-kpinch

Other Sources for Pre-K Research

- Foundation for Child Development

www.fcd-us.org

- National Association for the Education of Young Children

www.naeyc.org

- National Institute for Early Education Research

www.nieer.org

- RAND Corporation

www.rand.org