

**Baseline Report A:
Wisconsin Public School Districts with
Community Approaches to 4K
2003 - 2004**

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Background

The Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership's role in the Early Education Matters (EEM) project, which began in May 2004, was to provide an accurate baseline assessment as well as annual updates on the status of 4-year-old kindergarten (4K) in Wisconsin, and in particular, on the status of "community approach" 4K. Toward this end, the Research Partnership surveyed all Wisconsin school districts during the 2003-2004 school year. School district representatives verified their 4K offerings, and those districts with community approaches to 4K provided the names of all elementary schools and partnering Head Start or child care programs that offered 4K, the number of 4K classrooms, and the number of children enrolled at each location. The Research Partnership systematically verified all program names and addresses and summarized the information in:

- **Baseline Report A:** Detailed information about each of the 12 public school districts that offered community approaches to 4K during the 2003-2004 school year.
- **Baseline Report B:** Information about the number of children at different sites in non-community approach school-based 4K programs during the 2003-2004 school year.

Baseline Report A outlines three distinct approaches to 4K that are similar to the "models" developed by the La Crosse school district for their community collaborations. For this report, we make distinctions between school-based 4K and district schools that collaborate for 4K, further delineate Head Start and child care partners in community approaches, and describe which entity hires the DPI-certified teachers. This Baseline Report thus uses the following definitions:

Approach I. Public school-based 4K is offered in the district either as:

- A. An independent non-community approach school program. (These programs will be summarized in Baseline Report B), or as
- B. A school-based 4K program that collaborates with one or more "community approach" Head Start or child care programs in the district.

Approach II. The district employs one or more state-certified public school teachers to provide 4K either in a community approach with a:

- A. Head Start program,
- B. Child care program, or
- C. Program that combines 4K, Head Start, and child care in one location.

Approach III. In this approach, independent Head Start (**IIIA**) or child care (**IIIB**) programs already have a state-certified 4K teacher on staff so the school district does not need to employ a teacher:

For each of the 12 community approach districts in 2003-2004, we outline the number of:

Sites -- Distinct locations offering 4K

Groupings -- Distinct groupings of children in classrooms (half-day or full-day)

Children -- Total enrollment

According to the U.S. Census, there are approximately 70,000 4-year-old children in Wisconsin. As seen in the summary (Table 1), a total of 1,564 of these 4-year-old children were enrolled in 106 classroom groupings, located in 49 community approach program sites within 12 public school districts during the first year of the EEM grant (2003-2004). Future reports based on the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years will be used to document growth in the number of districts offering 4K, the number of distinct 4K sites, and the number of children enrolled in 4K programs in Wisconsin, as well as growth in the number of community approach 4K programs in Wisconsin.

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	District	Community Approach	Sites	Groupings	Children
1.	Barron	IB	Woodland Elementary 800 Woodland Ave. Barron, WI	4 half-day	57
		IIIA	Dallas Head Start 100 W. Dallas St. Dallas, WI	2 half-day	14
2.	Blair-Taylor	IIA	Blair-Taylor Elementary Western Dairyland Head Start 219 Main St. Blair, WI	2 half-day	28
3.	Colby	IIA	Unity Early Learning Center Indianhead Community Action Agency Head Start 210 S. Russell St. Unity, WI	3 half-day	49
		IIIA	Dorchester Elementary Indianhead Community Action Agency Head Start 300 West Washington Ave. Dorchester, WI	2 half-day	34
4.	Colfax	IIIA	Jennings Elementary CESA #11 Head Start 1207 N. Morten St. Colfax, WI	2 half-day	33
5.	Eau Claire	IIA	Sherman Elementary Western Dairyland Head Start 3110 East Hamilton Ave. Eau Claire, WI	4 half-day	40
		IIA	Locust Lane Elementary Western Dairyland Head Start 3425 Locust Lane Eau Claire, WI	2 half-day	24
		IIA	North High School Western Dairyland Head Start 1801 Piedmont Rd. Eau Claire, WI	3 half-day	29
6.	La Crosse	IB	Emerson Elementary 210 Campbell Rd. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	16

District	Community Approach	Sites	Groupings	Children
	IB	Franklin Elementary 1611 Kane St. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	18
	IB	North Woods Elementary N2541 Sablewood Rd. La Crosse, WI	2 half-day	36
	IB	Roosevelt Elementary 1307 Hayes St. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	18
	IB	State Road Elementary N 1821 Hagen Rd. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	15
	IB	Hintgen Elementary 3505 South St. La Crosse, WI	2 half-day	28
	IB	Coulee Montessori Charter School 901 Caledonia St. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	6
	IB	Summit Elementary 1800 Lakeshore Dr. La Crosse, WI	2 half-day	34
	IIA	Hamilton/Head Start Preschool Site 1111 South 7 th St. La Crosse, WI	2 half-day	36
	IIB	Gundersen Lutheran Child Care Center 700 Bennora Lee Court La Crosse, WI	2 half-day	22
	IIB	Elm Grove Day Care 3710 East Ave. South La Crosse, WI	2 half-day	35
	IIIB	Coulee Children's Center at the Park W4910 Harvest Lane La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	16
	IIIB	La Crosse Montessori Preschool 1818 Redfield St. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	11

	District	Community Approach	Sites	Groupings	Children
		IIIB	Congregational Preschool, Inc. 2503 Main St. La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	13
		IIIB	Coulee Children's Center, Inc. 2935 East Ave. South La Crosse, WI	1 half-day	19
7.	Milwaukee	IB	Hartford Elementary 2227 E. Hartford Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53211	3 full-day	68
		IB	Zablocki Elementary 1016 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee, WI	1 full-day	25
		IIB	Child Development Center of St. Joseph 1600 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee, WI	4 half-day	20
		IIB	UW- Milwaukee Children's Center 2114 E. Kenwood Blvd. Milwaukee, WI	2 full-day	34
		IIB	La Causa Day Care Center 809 W. Greenfield Ave. Milwaukee, WI	4 half-day	90
		IIB	Carter Child Development Center 2001 W. Vliet Ave. Milwaukee, WI	4 full-day	58
8.	Montello	IIC	Montello Early Learning Center CAP Services Head Start Community Options 383 East Montello Ave. Montello, WI	3 half-day 1 full-day	63
9.	Portage	IB	Woodridge Elementary 333 East Slifer St. Portage, WI	1 half-day	14
		IB	Endeavor Elementary 414 Church St. Endeavor, WI	1 half-day	11
		IIB	The Alphabet Express Preschool 118 W. Pleasant St. Portage, WI	2 half-day	40

	District	Community Approach	Sites	Groupings	Children
		IIIA	Renewal Unlimited Inc. Head Start 2900 Red Fox Run Portage, WI	1 half-day	20
		IIIB	The Little School, Inc. 904 DeWitt St. Portage, WI	2 half-day	36
10.	Rice Lake	IB	Tainter Elementary 2201 Carrie Ave. Rice Lake, WI	2 half-day	28
		IIIB	Kiddie Korner Child Care Center 608 W-Marshall St. Rice Lake, WI	2 half-day	40
		IIIB	Hilltop Day Care 104 Cameron Rd. Rice Lake, WI	1 half-day	20
		IIIA	Rice Lake Head Start 19 W. Bracklin St. Rice Lake, WI	2 half-day	33
11.	Sturgeon Bay	IB	Sunset Elementary 877 N. 8 th Ave. Sturgeon Bay, WI	2 half-day	48
		IIIB	Door County Child Care 3913 Cherry Rd. Door County, WI	2 half-day	28
12.	Wausau	IB	A.C. Kiefer Education Center 700 W. Strowbridge St. Wausau, WI	11 half-day	170
		IIIB	Bridging the Gap Child Care/Preschool 406 Grant St. Wausau, WI	2 half-day	26
		IIIB	Wausau Child Care Inc. 505 N. 28 th Ave. Wausau, WI	2 half-day	27
		IIIB	Rib Mountain Montessori 5201 Lilac Ave. Wausau, WI	1 half-day	12
		IIIB	YMCA Child Development Center 707 3 rd St. Wausau, WI	2 half-day	24

District	Community Approach	Sites	Groupings	Children
	IIIB	YWCA Child Development Center 613 5 th St. Wausau, WI	2 half-day	18
	IIIB	Little Scholars Preschool 512 McClellan St. Wausau, WI	1 half-day	15

**Table 1: Summary of the 12 Wisconsin Public School Districts
with Community Approaches to 4K
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	Community Approach	District	Barron	Blair-Taylor	Colby	Colfax	Eau Claire	La Crosse	Milwaukee	Montello	Portage	Rice Lake	Sturgeon Bay	Wausau	Total	
Teacher employed by the district	IB 4K	Sites	1					8	2		2	1	1	1	16	
		Groupings	4					11	4		2	2	2	11	36	
		Children	57					186	93		25	28	48	170	607	
	IIA 4K/Head Start	Sites		1	1			3	1							6
		Groupings		2	3			9	2							16
		Children		28	49			93	36							206
	IIB 4K/Child Care	Sites							2	4		1	2		2	12
		Groupings							4	14		2	3		4	27
		Children							57	202		40	60		53	412
	IIC 4K/HS/Child Care	Sites									1					1
		Groupings									4					4
		Children									63					63
Teacher NOT employed by the district	IIIA Head Start	Sites	1		1	1					1	1			5	
		Groupings	2		2	2					1	2			9	
		Children	14		34	33					20	33			134	
	IIIB Child Care	Sites							4			1		1	4	10
		Groupings							4			2		2	6	14
		Children							59			36		28	69	192
Total	Sites	2	1	2	1	3	15	6	1	5	4	2	7		49	
	Groupings	6	2	5	2	9	21	18	4	7	7	4	21		106	
	Children	71	28	83	33	93	338	295	63	121	121	76	292		1564	

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We greatly appreciate the participation of school district personnel in our multiple surveys and telephone interviews. The list below identifies the primary contact person for each of the 12 public school districts described in this report, along with an e-mail address. These community approach 4K districts are the “pioneers” implementing new strategies for delivery of 4K. The following individuals have agreed to share their experiences with other districts who may wish to contact them.

District name	Contact person	E-mail	Telephone
Barron	Monti Hallberg	montih@barron.k12.wi.us	(715) 537-5612
Blair-Taylor	Connie Biedron	biedrc@btsd.k12.wi.us	(608) 989-2881
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