

Forces for Four-Year-Olds
State Superintendent's Advisory Committee on
Four-Year-Old Kindergarten and Community Approaches

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Community Approaches Components Notes

Components of Community Approaches

- Shared 4K funds tied to 4K — 4K funding, but could expand to other age levels
- Collaborations (service delivery for 4K) —Head Start, Childcare
- Involves community organizations or administrative agencies beyond schools
- Mechanism for access for all community providers
- Mechanism for ongoing community communication — counsel, committee
- Local design by agreement of community stakeholders
- Sharing resources inclusive programming including ECSE & ELL
- Inclusive process
- Common professional development
- Shared decision making among leadership
- Offering options to families
- Seeking common set of quality standards
- Beyond collaboration
- Local flexibility within the parameters of all programs, state and local requirements
- Schools have community partners with Head Start, childcare, parents & others to deliver service.
- Two subsets: 1) 4K, 2) Early learning
- Don't discount other collaborations
- Commitment to sustain approaches

Potential Budget Initiative

- Rolling average – address ability to count children in 1st and 2nd year until rolling average kicks
- Technical Assistance Funds to allow DPI to better assist districts (staff, coaches, financial expertise/documents, mentors, conferences, quality)
- Membership aid to promote/support community approaches
- Improved data collection