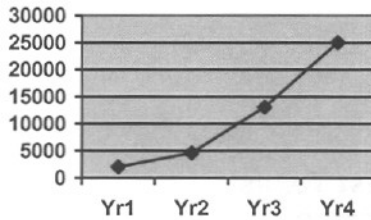
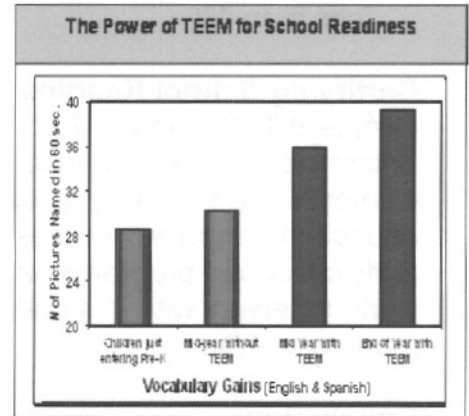


STATE CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
TEXAS EARLY EDUCATION MODEL (TEEM)
PREPARING KIDS FOR SCHOOL IN COST EFFECTIVE WAYS
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TEEM: Texas Early Education Model

The State Center for Early Childhood Development (State Center) is responsible for implementing TEEM, the state-supported early childhood education program that improves the readiness of children entering kindergarten. The initial TEEM pilot showed that the results of TEEM were statistically robust enough to lead to meaningful improvements for the school readiness of children. The State Center expanded partnerships during the last two years to serve more children and to add new communities across the state. Throughout Texas, communities are working together to build sustainable programs that focus on the school readiness and social-emotional development of our most at-risk young Texans.



Increased Number of School Ready Children

- Year 1 (SB 76): 2,000 children in 11 communities in 2003-04
- Year 2 (SB 76): 4,500 children in 15 communities in 2004-05
- Year 3 (SB 23): 13,000 children in 20 communities in 2005-06
- Year 4 (SB 23): 25,000 children in 32 communities in 2006-07

◆ No. of TEEM Children Served

TEEM is Cost Effective

- The \$15 million appropriated to TEEM in FY 06-07 leveraged \$20.3M in additional federal funds from TWC for project years 4 and 5 to expand TEEM to more rural communities, serve more military families, and pilot professional development for teachers.
- The TEEM pilot has sent over 45,000 at-risk kids to kindergarten ready to learn. TEEM results show pre-k TEEM graduates are also more socially developed.
- Schools, child-care centers and Head Start programs in 32 Texas communities are working together and contributing to the TEEM approach to help fund research-based curriculum, professional development with mentoring, and progress monitoring to guide child instruction in 2000 classrooms.
- TEEM also leverages private funds. The WK Kellogg Foundation awarded \$1.7M to the State Center to develop and pilot a parent program in 126 TEEM classrooms. The project funds a weekly book exchange program and monthly family nights where parents learn a variety of oral language and literacy building strategies implemented in the context of shared reading. Additionally, between 2005 and 2006, the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation awarded \$2M to the State Center to support TEEM mentoring.

Key TEEM Project Activities Connected to School Readiness

- High quality online teacher training coupled with classroom mentoring is a unique feature of TEEM that has a powerful effect on preparing children for kindergarten.
- TEEM equips preschool teachers with hand-held progress monitoring tools to structure and focus instructional attention and activities.
- A solid infrastructure for the expansion of TEEM is in place.
- Highly engaged schools participate in TEEM, with an attrition rate of less than 4%.



Certifying School Readiness

Senate Bill 23 from the 79th Legislature charged the State Center with developing a system to determine the effectiveness of early childhood care and education programs. The State Center built a valid and research-based web-based system that links quality early childhood education program practices with school readiness. To date this work has involved 1,500 early childhood programs and 38,000 children who are headed to kindergarten. The current work underway with this data is to connect best practices with key kindergarten and school readiness skills.

Conclusion

TEEM is a proven model of success for Texas preschoolers that prepares kids for school by integrating community resources that focus attention on school readiness and appropriate social and emotional development in a child-centered environment.

TEEM COMMUNITIES

1. Amarillo	17. Killeen
2. Amarillo Rural	18. Kilgore/Tyler/East Texas
3. Abilene	19. LaMarque/Galveston
4. Austin	20. LaSara/Raymondville
5. Beaumont	21. Laredo
6. Nederland/Beaumont	22. Lubbock
7. Belton	23. McAllen/LaJoya
8. Brownsville	24. Midland/Odessa
9. Copperas Cove/Ft. Hood	25. Northeast Texas
10. Corpus Christi/Kingsville	26. Pearsall/Crystal City/Carrizo Springs
11. Dallas	27. San Angelo
12. El Paso	28. San Antonio
13. Ellis County	29. Stockdale/Karnes City/Kenedy
14. Fort Worth	30. Temple
15. Houston/Tri-County/Ft. Bend	31. Victoria
16. Huntsville	32. Waco

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