

In August, the Road to Early Achievement and Development of Youth (READY) Initiative hosted an Early Care and Education (ECE) and Kindergarten Exchange Event. Kindergarten teachers, ECE providers and administrative staff exchanged ideas on how to strengthen the Bridge between early learning and kindergarten.

While some of these ideas are easy and affordable to implement, others will require deep systemic changes. READY is excited to synthesize and share these ideas with the ECE and Kindergarten community, First 5, Upstream Investments and Cradle to Career to help guide the development of new strategies for strengthening the Bridge between early learning and kindergarten.

Please refer to READY's 4-page report to read all of the ideas shared at the Exchange Event.

Teacher Engagement

Teacher Exchange

- Teacher visits to classrooms - preschool teachers visit kindergarten and K teachers visit preschools
- Meetings and/or organized sharing of ideas and practices between local preschools and elementary schools
 - ECE & K teachers attend trainings together

Tools for Teachers

- Checklist/"wish list" for ECE providers of things ECE students need to know to be ready for kindergarten, including social-emotional tools
- Blog or other way to connect with ECE providers about student info



Student Engagement

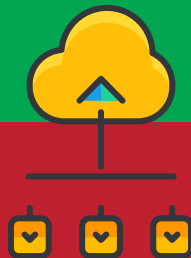
Student Exchange

Preschool field trips to kindergarten classrooms

Parent Engagement

Involvement in School

Create more opportunities for parents to interact with their child in a school setting



Systems

Early Learning Accessibility

- Implement Universal Preschool
- Summer boot camp for children that have not attended ECE

Curriculum

Practice writing more

Data

DRDP and Assessment Data Sharing

Share preschool DRDP and other assessments with kindergarten teachers

