



Preschool Task Force

With grant support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, EDC has initiated a regional Preschool Task Force to explore a public/private partnership to strengthen preschool education by:

- Build awareness among the business community that preschool is an important investment for our region's three and four year-olds
- Initiate a call to action for the business community to get involved with improving the overall quality of preschool
- Identify and groom preschool advocates to deliver our message to the business community
- Influence curriculum to adhere to high standards for public preschools

Committee Responsibilities

- Create a data-driven communication tool which provides recommendations on access and quality improvements
- Convene presentations to companies, trade associations and business groups about preschool issues using communication tool
- Educate local policy makers about the importance of quality preschool programs from the business community's perspective
- Collaborate with similar groups throughout the state to provide a unified message about the importance of quality preschool

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Meeting times vary

Participants

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