### Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Future Students through Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation



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# Building Adult Capabilities to Improve Child Outcomes: A Theory of Change

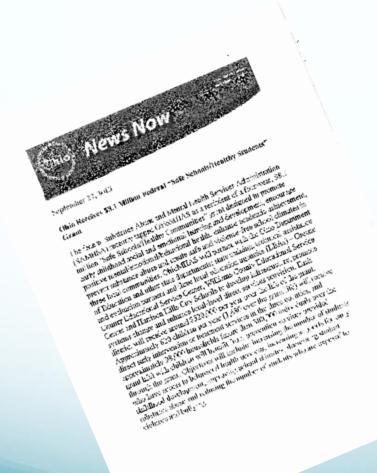
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Developing child video

## Program Objectives



### Background and context





### GREENE COUNTY ESC COMMUNITY READINESS REPORT

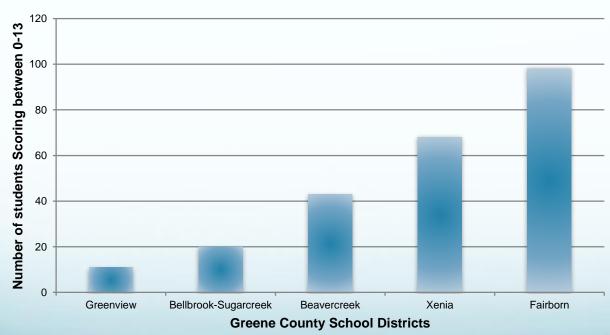
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## Why ECMH Consultation?

Greene County conducted a needs assessment in 2014 leading to the following findings:





### Why ECMH Consultation?

#### STRATEGIC APPROACHES

#### Leveraging Collaboration and Partnership

Multiple organizations working together sharing common vision, resources, goals or outcomes.

#### Technology

Harness evolving technology to increase efficiency and support program implementation and evaluation.

#### Policy Change and Development

Use existing or new lessons learned to inform the revision of current State and local policies or development of new policies.

#### **Capacity Building**

Strengthen the knowledge, abilities and skills of individuals and improve organizational structures and processes to more efficiently meet the needs of the community in a sustainable way.

#### Systemic Change and Integration

A product of collaborative activity that aims to change existing systems to better coordinate multiple service agencies and programs to improve outcomes for the target population.

Guiding Principles • Cultural and Linguistic Competency

Developmentally Appropriate

Resource Leveraging

Sustainability

• Serving Vulnerable and At-Risk Populations • Youth Guided and Family Driven

Evidence-Based Intervention









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BOWERSVILLE

## Local collaboration





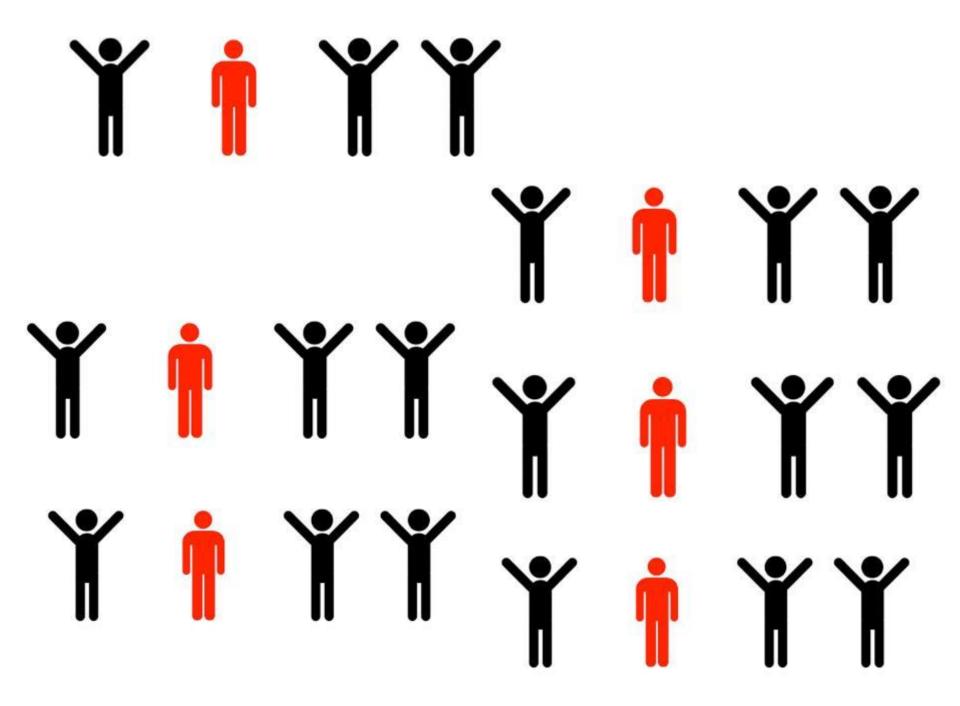




# Early Learning Programs









Prevent child mental health problems Reduce challenging behaviors

Improve child social and emotional health

& Educational outcomes





**Knowing and Doing Gap** 

### What is ECMHC?





78
Child
Specific
Interventions
21 parent consults

1,785

targeted classroom Interventions

19 professional development training sessions for 93 early learning professionals 79 program level consultations

ECMHC services 1-1-2016 to 6-30-2016

### **Child Level Interventions**





## Build SE skills



to reduce acting out

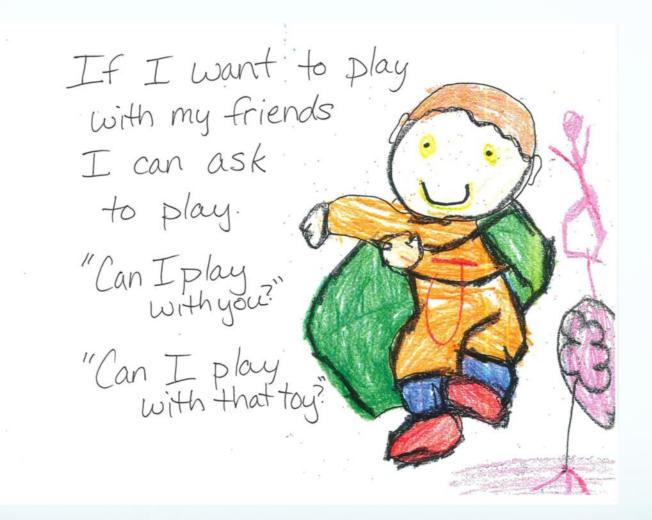






Sometimes. I want to play with a toy my friend has. Sometimes I get mad or upset. Sometimes I feel like taking the toy or hurting my friends.









## Practice Implementation Checklist.

## Responsive Caregiving

- With Children
- Greet each child at the door every morning When addressing children always use their hames and get at their eye level
  - Use a calm, positive, and supportive inte

  - ☐ Use specific and descriptive. cheming-their for children's skills, oncouragement on contains a sacus, behavior shel activities (c.g. "[ like how the shring charehas in circle.")
    - Join children's play and suppose capatel Shake subscitting betsund about yourself
    - with children

#### ☐ Find difficient ways to involve parches With Families

- Schil hoics home and hadee phone calls to and families
- sens notes none and none proceed things their child is doing
- Make home visits
- Send home plactical rugge timbs for supporting children's social checkinal. regioning smearch a social emotional development at home and in the columnity

- With staff and other service providers Have begular too cuings with year classbooks staff and have regular contact with other
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  - as a beam in your danshoon.
  - Provide cheantagement and support to the
  - colleagues with whom you week

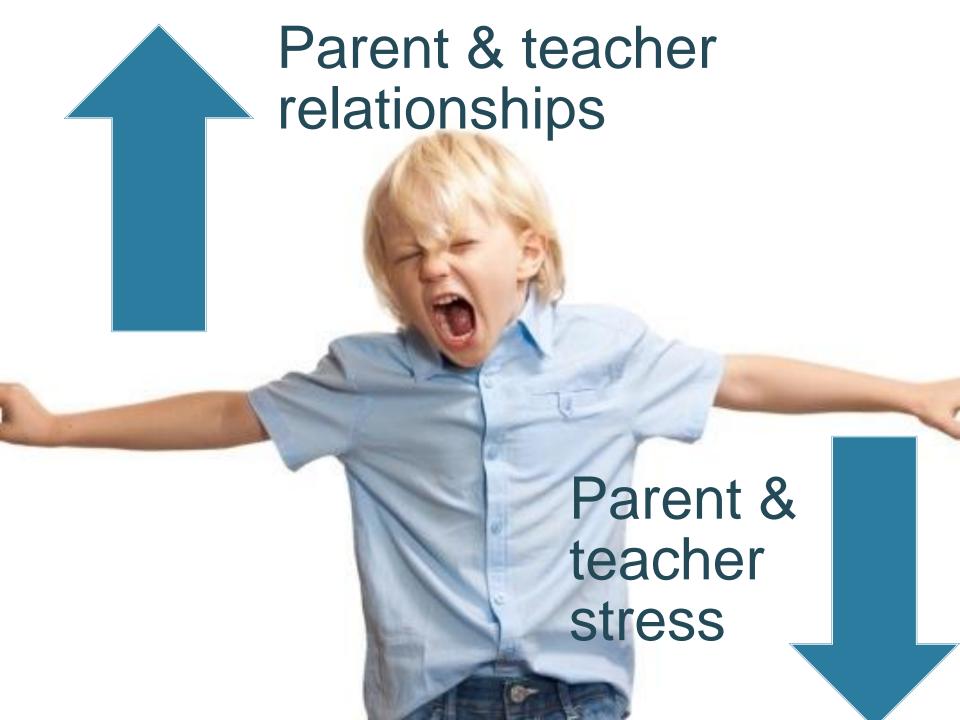
- Give directions that she short, simple, shid specific Make sure children understand the
  - Give persone and specific checutagement to diections you have given cave possure and specific checutagement to children. Comment frequently on children's
- Respond to children's comments by asking steeponed or consumers a commence of what they say
  - Have obgaing conversations with children about their shear and interests

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    - Ibelude families on the tests when proceeding behavior amphort bysis
      - Share information about community anare information about continuity. reasureces retused to access emonstrust development and challenging behavior
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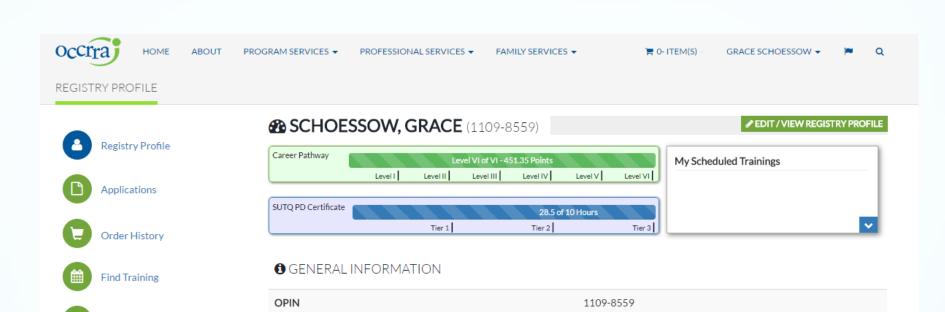














Personal Reports

Early Experiences Last a Lifetime

451.35 (Level VI)

Expand Points Breakdown +

Position

Registry Points



### Resources





CENTER FOR RESILIENT CHILDREN



Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development



Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning









## How we're doing so far

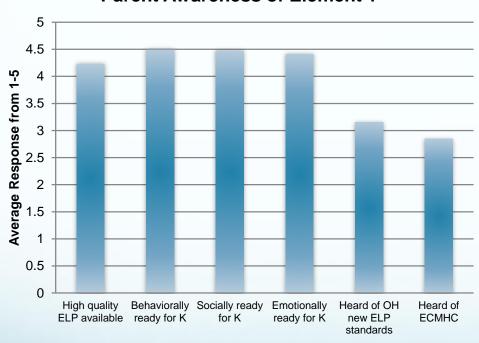


### Sample questions used:

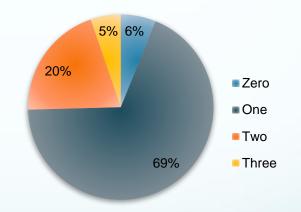
- "High quality Early Learning Programs are available in my district."
- "Cost was a problem for getting my child into early learning programs."
- "What do you want want early learning providers and preschool teachers to know in terms of social skills?"
- "What is currently being done to address the social/emotional developmental needs of preschool children in your district?"

# Kindergarten Registration Survey results

#### **Parent Awareness of Element 1**

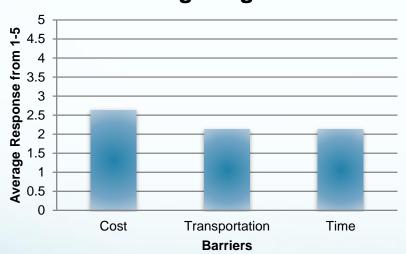


### Number of Preschool Programs or Providers utilized per child

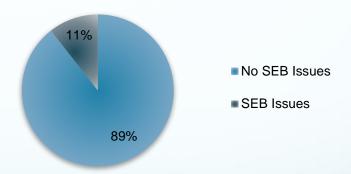


# Kindergarten Registration Survey results

### Barriers to Accessing Early Learning Programs



#### Self-Reported Social, Emotional, or Behavioral Issues for Child



### According to Kindergarten teachers...



What should parents know?



What are the most important social, emotional, and developmental needs in the youth of your preschool program?



# Lessons Learned

