



Building a Child Centered Community Using the Early Development Index (EDI)



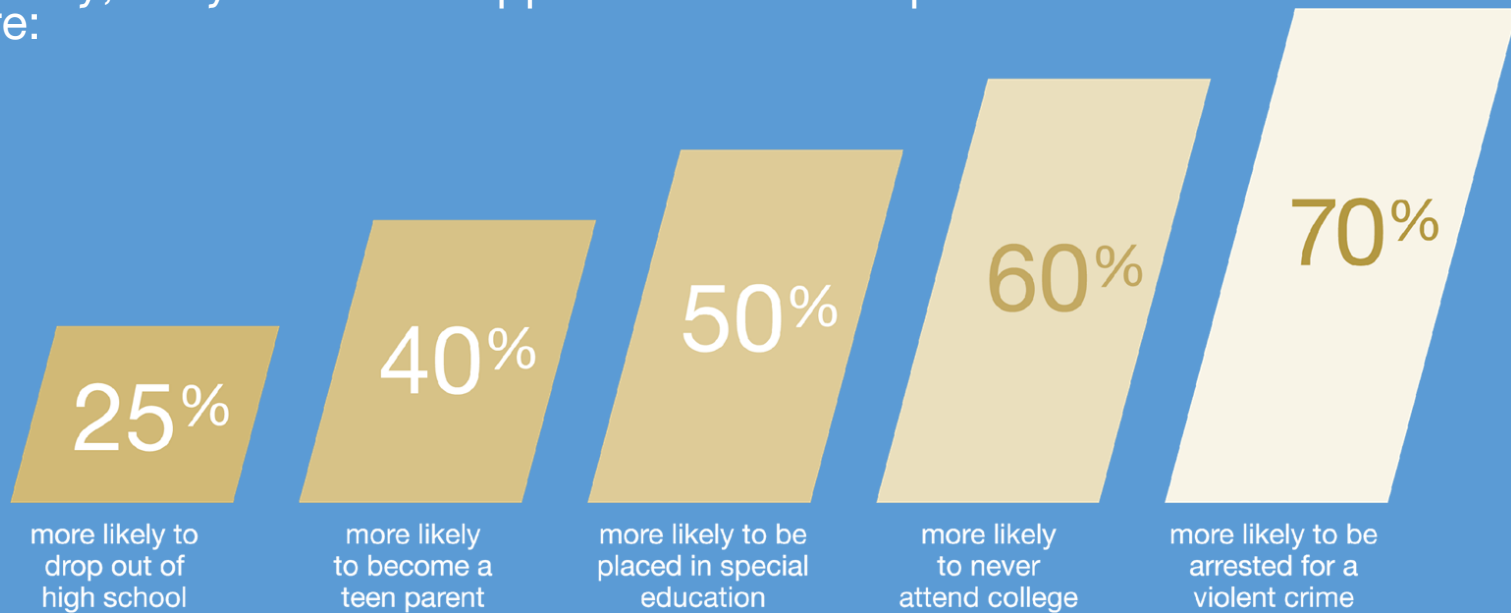
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The Importance of Early Learning

Nationally, children who do not have access to high-quality, early childhood opportunities and experiences are:



Early Learning: Foundation for a Brighter Future



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School Readiness

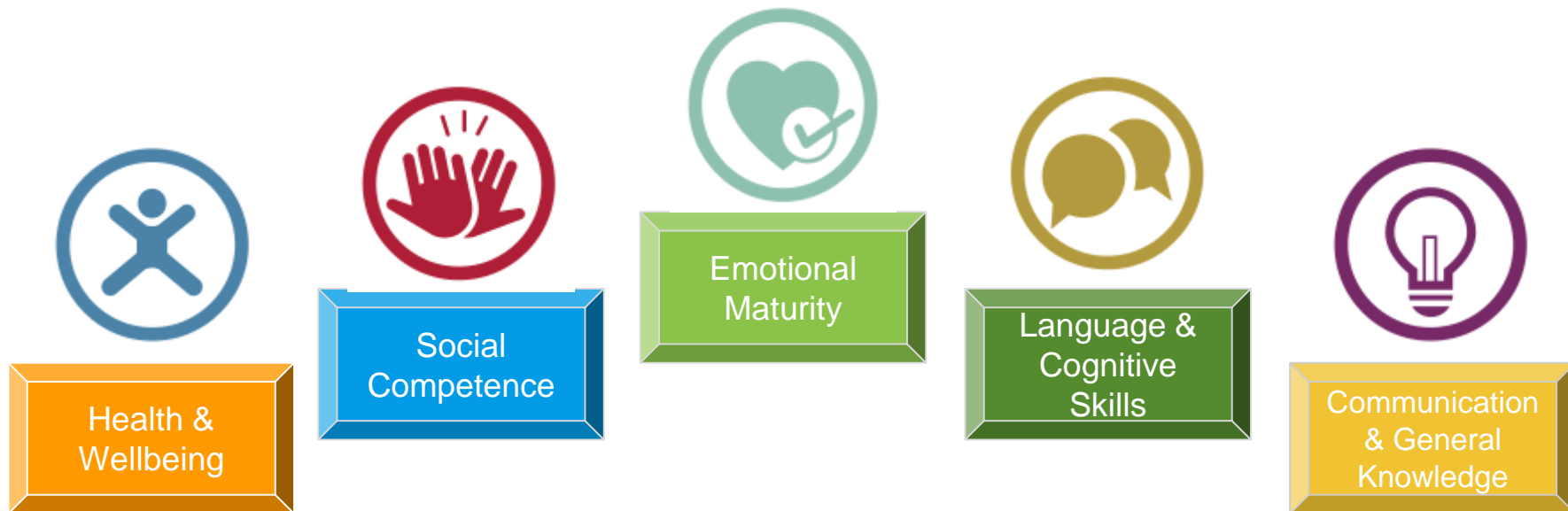
3rd grade Reading
Scores

High School
Graduations

KINDERGARTEN



The EDI (Early Development Index) Measures 5 Building Blocks to Success:



Communities are ranked: Not ready, Somewhat ready, or Ready overall and in each area.



Health &
Wellbeing



- Gross and Fine Motor Skills
- Physical Independence
- Physical Readiness for School Day



Social
Competence



- Readiness to Explore New Things
- Approach to Learning
- Responsibility and Respect



Emotional
Maturity



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- Inattention Behavior
- Aggressive Behavior
- Anxious and Fearful Behavior
- Prosocial and Helping Behavior



Language &
Cognitive
Skills



- Basic Numeracy Skills
- Literacy Skills
- Interest in Literacy and Numeracy



Communication
& General
Knowledge



- Understand Oral Directions
- Verbally Communicate Experiences, Ideas and Wishes

Opportunities
to THRIVE!

Resilience

Hope for the
Future

Healthy
Relationships

Academic
Success

Problem
Solvers

Positive
School
Experience

Curious &
Eager to learn

Get along with
others

Active
Listeners

Health &
Wellbeing

Social
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Early Development Index (EDI)

- Teacher collected checklist on children's development measured in early-spring of Kindergarten
- Data is collected every three years
- Data are aggregated to a group level (neighborhood, city) to provide **population-based** measure of children's development
- EDI is not reported at the child or class level and is not used as a diagnostic tool for individual children
- Orange County is leading this effort around the country



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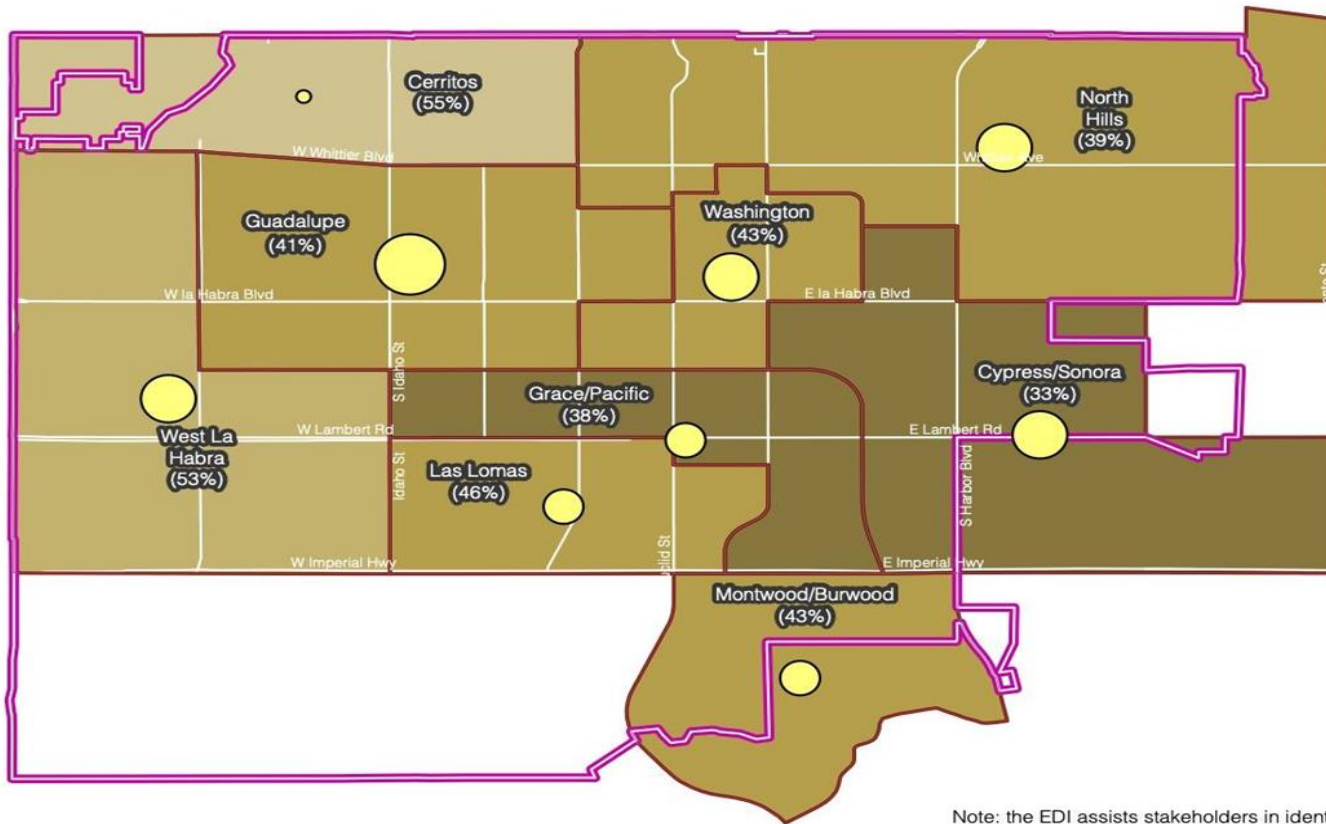
Early Development Index (EDI)

- Each child's EDI form is geographically coded according to home address of child. Maps show:
 - The percent of children entering school who are developmentally vulnerable in each developmental area and by geographic region
 - Community services and other assets
 - Other population-based indicators: mobility, poverty, parent education
- Maps DO NOT identify where children go to school
- Maps help service providers, residents, and other stakeholders develop ways in which to support children in the community

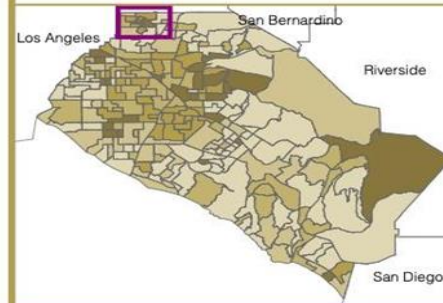


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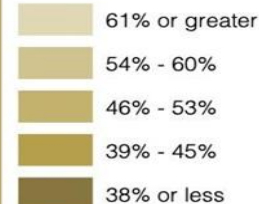




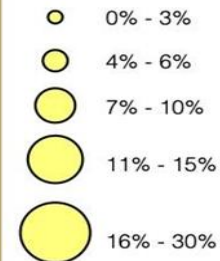
Inset map of Orange County



% of Students Ready for Kindergarten



% of Families Living in Poverty



Note: the EDI assists stakeholders in identifying how children are faring developmentally as they enter school. Therefore data in this map are based on where children live rather than the school (and district) where their data

What does the EDI Data Tell Us?



- Similar to other children in Orange County, La Habra's children are at-risk in:
 - Gross and Fine Motor Skills (63%)
 - Overall Social Competence (65%)
 - Prosocial and Helping Behavior (70%)

La Habra's children are one of the most vulnerable in Orange County.

What is Being Done to Improve Our EDI Data and Make La Habra a Child Centered Community?



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La Habra City
School District

La Habra City Child
Development

Little Learners
Task Force

- **School Readiness program serving over 350 children and families**
- **Committing and investing in Early Learning; office at Las Lomas and Early Learning website**
- **Supporting La Habra's preschool community**

- **Preschool Task Force developed to reorganize the program**
- **High quality teaching with a focus on student outcomes**
- **Lil' Innovators training sponsored by the Children's Museum and CalTech**

- **Over 30 agencies and community partners**
- **Educating the La Habra community about the importance of early learning**
- **Advocacy training of families and creation of an Early Learning resource guide**



Thank you!



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