



Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC)

New Jersey Council for Young Children

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A Blueprint for Success



- RTT-ELC provides a **blueprint** for state and local entities on addressing the **comprehensive** needs of **children** and their **families** in an intentional manner.
- Extensive training and supports that focus on *infant and young child mental health and social-emotional development*.

Grant Snapshot

NJ received \$44.3 million

Jan. 1, 2014 through Dec. 31, 2017

Pregnancy to age Eight

The Partners

Department of
Education

Department of
Human Services

Department of
Children and
Families

Department of
Health

Office of
Information
Technology

The Inter
Department
Planning Group

The Early
Learning
Commission

The NJ Council
for Young
Children

Head Start
Collaboration
Office

Stakeholder
Groups

Building Quality



- **Grow NJ Kids (GNJK), our Quality Rating Improvement System**
 - “Consumer Reports” of home, center and school-based care and education programs for birth to five.
- **Training Academy**
 - Accessible & Affordable professional development
****MOU signed in September 2014*



Year 1 Participation

- 392 programs currently enrolled
- 36 family child-care providers piloting Family Child-Care Tool with support of Nicholson

Year 1 Targets

- 387 center based sites
- 30 family child-care providers

Training Academy

Year 1 Activities

- Hire Academy Staff
- Academy Staff receive training
- Design/implement training plan
- Academy staff design roll-out coordinated with NJ Kids roll-out

Partners

- Rutgers University, Center for Effective School Practices (CESP)
- Passaic County Community College
- Atlantic-Cape Community College

On the Horizon

Date	Description	Region	Trainers	Participants	Location
February 12	Strengthening Families	Central	NJ-ELTA	QIS	Rutgers Campus
February 13	Strengthening Families	South	NJ-ELTA	QIS	ACCC
February 17	Strengthening Families	North	NJ-ELTA	QIS	Rutgers Newark

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February 18	ESI – R Developmental Screening	Group A	NJ-ELTA	Test Pilot Centers	PRCC Union # 257
February 19	ESI – R Developmental Screening	Group B	NJ-ELTA	Test Pilot Centers	Morris County TBD
February 24	ASQ-3, ASQ:SE Training	Group A	Brookes Publishing Certified Trainer	Test Pilot Centers	PRCC Passaic # 226

Supporting Families

- **Central intake hubs to six additional counties (one stop shop for connection to services)**
 - **RFA to be released February 2015**
- **Establish county-level parent-led Councils for Young Children in all 21 counties**
 - **Forum for parents/families and other community stakeholders**
 - **Identify/discuss the needs, concerns, aspirations and successes regarding health, education and well-being of their children**



What is Central Intake?

CI is a county-based client/family screening, assessment, referral, and tracking hub

Standardized screening for women and families

SPECT – Single Point of Entry and Client Tracking System

Perinatal Risk Assessment (PRA) - clinical

Community health screen for women, men and children

Ongoing community needs assessment

Projects and Engineering School Success

- **Preschool-3rd Grade Initiative**
- **New Jersey Kindergarten Entry Assessment (NJKEA)**
- **Articulate and align New Jersey's birth to three and preschool standards with the K-3 standards**



New Jersey Kindergarten Entry Assessment (NJKEA)

**Fully implemented
portfolio-based (TS GOLD)
NJ KEA system by 2019**

- Voluntary & Funded
- Aligned with the NJ K-Seminar
- Social-Emotional, Literacy, & Math assessed in Year 1

Year 1 Participation

- 200 teachers
- 94 administrators
- 29 districts

PreK-3rd

DOE/NIEER/GSE

- Draft of 1st thru 3rd grade guidelines
- Field test the Guidelines
- Conduct expert review
- Develop workshops for administrators and teachers

Standards

Standards Subcommittee

- Draft alignment document produced

Approaches to Learning Workgroup

- Coordinating with K-12 social-emotional workgroup at DOE

Additional RTT-ELC Projects

Data Systems

Public Outreach and Awareness

Ratings (WPU)

Validation (NIEER)

We shouldn't wait to take a closer look!

