

Early Childhood School Board Presentation

February 10, 2020

ISD 709 Early Learning Programs and Services Include:

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Family Centers and classes
 - Home Visiting
 - Parent Education

Early Childhood Screening

Early Intervention/Help Me Grow

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

Prekindergarten/Kindergarten Transition

Parent Advisory

Community Partnerships



Early Childhood Family Education

- Prenatal classes at St Luke's & Essentia
- Amazing Newborn visits - both hospitals
- FREE 6 week classes for parents & newborns
- Classes for babies to 4 yr olds at 5 schools/centers
- Home visits
- Class at NERCC, LifeHouse
- In-home child care provider mentorship
- Outreach to shelters, transitional housing
- Sliding fee scale



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Public Schools



- A family’s first experience in the school district
- Focus on parent education & the parent-child relationship, as parents are a child’s first and most important teacher
- Licensed Early Childhood Teachers and Parent Educators
- All licensed staff trained on the Circle of Security Parenting
- Active site & Citywide Parent Advisory Councils



Number of Participants	2018-2019**	
	Children	Parents
Classes	522	652
Home Visits	403	247
Amazing Newborn Hospital Visits	1369	2463
Special Events	685	595



Head Start

School Readiness

Voluntary Pre K



Changing options for changing times

- Most families use preschool as childcare, making full day programming attractive
- Head start believes in a 1020 hour dosage
- VPK is funded for .6

DULUTH PRESCHOOL 2020/2021

Homecroft	Lester Park	Lowell	Meyers Wilkins	Laura MacArthur	Piedmont	Stowe
Full Day	Double	Full Day	Full Day	Full Day	Full Day	Full Day
		Double	Full Day	Double	Double	.6 VPK Full Day T,W,Th
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PROGRAM GOALS CONSIDER COMMUNITY, PROGRAM, AND FAMILY NEEDS

Nature based preschools in Duluth often have a waiting list of 40 or more kids

Tuition can be as much \$2,592 per school year for half day sessions, making it inaccessible to families on limited budgets.

All children and families can benefit from time spent in nature.



Between 2016 and 2017, the U.S. saw a 66 percent increase in the number of registered outdoor preschools and kindergartens. Here, a group of preschoolers turn a series of boulders into a make-believe world. (Photo Credit: Jessie Emslie)

GUIDING PARENTS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILDCARE AND SCHOOLS

- There is a childcare crisis in Duluth that the city of Duluth is working hard to solve. There are also jobs within our own district that don't readily fill. Our staff can help train parents to enter that workforce.

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Duluth Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Birth-6

Children ages birth to age five who have been identified as having a developmental delay or other disability will receive special education services through the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) program. Children ages birth to three receive services in their home or community child care setting. Classroom learning experiences for three and four year old children with special needs are provided in small group or inclusive classrooms. Parents and caregivers who have questions or concerns about a child's development can access supports and services if eligible through a referral to our statewide referral system by visiting helpmegrowmn.org



Help Me Grow

