



Early School Success: LCSD's Partnership w/ the Children's Institute

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In this session, we will share:

- importance of investing in early learning
- about our partnership with Lincoln County SD
- describe the work Crestview Heights and Toledo are doing to align early learning and potential for scaling this work in the future

The Work of Children's Institute

We are a **nonprofit leveraging research, practice, policy, and advocacy** to shift systems toward justice for families so that all Oregon's children, prenatal to grade 5, have access to opportunity.

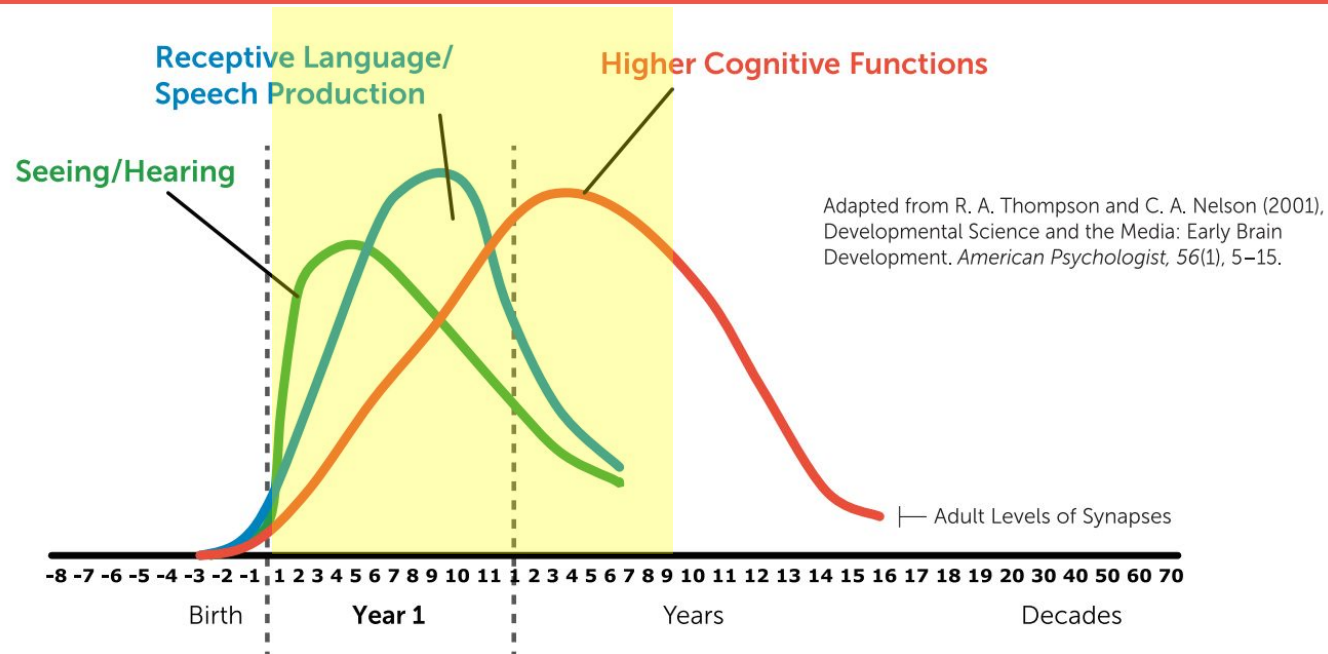
Launched in 2019, **Early School Success is a five-year initiative that provides school districts with the tools they need to offer developmentally appropriate, aligned instruction to children from preschool through fifth grade.** We launched Early School Success (ESS) because we believe that early childhood programs and the K-12 system must work together to offer young children high-quality learning experiences.

Early School Success aims to **shift systems** so that every child in Oregon experiences **PreK-fifth grade as one seamless experience** aligned around age-appropriate practice and equity.



We know that 0-9-years-old is critical for brain development

Development of Neural Connections



How does aligning early learning and K-12 strengthen the school experience of each child and family?

- families know systems before kinder
- communication and relationships are strengthened
- children know routines from grade to grade
- learning gains continue into upper grades and beyond

How do board members champion the innovative work of aligning early learning and K-12?

School boards should:

- help make early learning visible and support it
- share the research and return on investment to the community
- invest district resources in early learning alignment

Lincoln County SD Early Learning



Children's Institute LCSD Partner Schools

Crestview Heights: current focus on restorative practices; overall focus on **social emotional health**



Toledo: current focus on inclusion, connection and language development through morning greetings; overall focus on **aligned instructional practices**



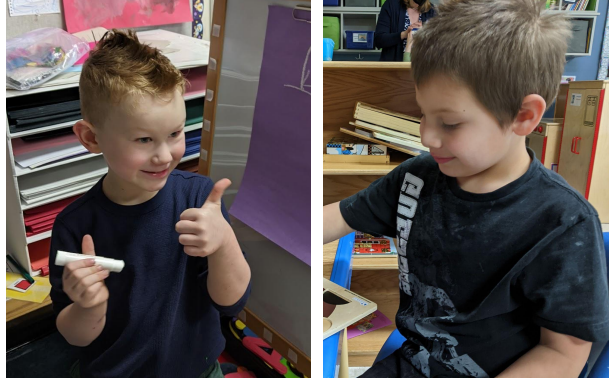
Lincoln County SD Early Learning Vision

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Lincoln County School District provides opportunities for every 3-4 year old, regardless of need and ability, to attend a free, high quality preschool program. Every elementary school provides full and partial day programs, based on parent choice, that feed into kindergarten. Our programs are community-centric and partnerships are established with caregivers so that families are brought into the school community right away. Transportation, food, and school supplies are free. Preschools are led by licensed educators who are paid the same rate as their Kindergarten classroom teaching peers. High quality, aligned professional development is provided with a focus on early PBIS, social emotional learning, literacy, and academic strategies. Teachers have the time and resources to collaborate.



Lincoln County SD Early School Success Outcomes



- Power and collaboration between PK/K-2
- Preschool teachers increased confidence in sharing ideas and being an equal voice on the team
- Teachers named immediate benefits for their students from changes implemented

Question & Answer



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