



Success by 6

Pre-Kindergarten Summer Institutes  
2008 Summary Report



United Way  
of Santa Barbara County

Pre-Kindergarten Summer Institutes were developed in response to the growing need of local families for an early childhood education experience that would prepare their children for a successful transition to kindergarten. The program targets low-income children and families who lack access to or awareness of early childhood education opportunities. The classes run for three weeks just prior to the beginning of Kindergarten.

For summer 2008 the Pre-Kindergarten Institutes were able to serve a total of 108 children. Thirty of the children (two classes) participated in an extended program lasting five weeks.

School sites included: Canalino, Harding, McKinley, Monroe, Roosevelt, and Washington

Participants were rated by their teacher at the beginning of the supplemental instruction program and at the end of the 3-week program. Those in the extended program were also rated at the end of five weeks. Children were rated on 12 items, which represent 4 skill categories:

- Social Emotional Skills
- Language Skills
- Approach to Learning Skills
- Motor Skills

Summary of results for Canalino, Harding, McKinley, Monroe, Roosevelt, Washington:

**Social-Emotional**

	<i>Not Yet</i>	<i>Emerging</i>	<i>Almost Mastered</i>	<i>Fully Mastered</i>
Pre-test	11%	46%	35%	7%
Post-test	1%	18%	37%	44%

**Language Skills**

	<i>Not Yet</i>	<i>Emerging</i>	<i>Almost Mastered</i>	<i>Fully Mastered</i>
Pre-test	27%	44%	27%	2%
Post-test	3%	27%	30%	41%

**Motor Skills**

	<i>Not Yet</i>	<i>Emerging</i>	<i>Almost Mastered</i>	<i>Fully Mastered</i>
Pre-test	6%	32%	49%	13%
After Post-test	0%	10%	34%	56%

**Approach to Learning**

	<i>Not Yet</i>	<i>Emerging</i>	<i>Almost Mastered</i>	<i>Fully Mastered</i>
Pre-test	11%	40%	41%	8%
Post-test	1%	15%	35%	50%

The statistics indicate that participating children were more ready for kindergarten at the end of the program than at the beginning.

In addition to this, a final Pre-Kindergarten Institute program is conducted at the Cleveland site. Since Cleveland is a year-round school, the program will be conducted in May 2009. We look forward to seeing the outcomes for this site.