

EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM BUILDING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Connecting the LIFEPOINTS to the TOUCHPOINTS | Accessible · Authentic · Supportive · Aligned

ASSESS/GATHER

Develop and maintain relevant, system-wide data, contacts, research, services, activities, and resources so that this information can be shared transparently and equitably in a timely, responsive manner among TOUCHPOINTS and LIFEPOINTS.

EDUCATE

Identify and share the best Early Childhood research, practices and activities with families through community and professional learning development, so that families, professionals, providers and community leaders understand, value and support school readiness and reading proficiently by third grade.

COMMUNICATE

Develop, share and support clear, common, quality Early Childhood messaging and conversations among families, providers, professionals and community leaders.

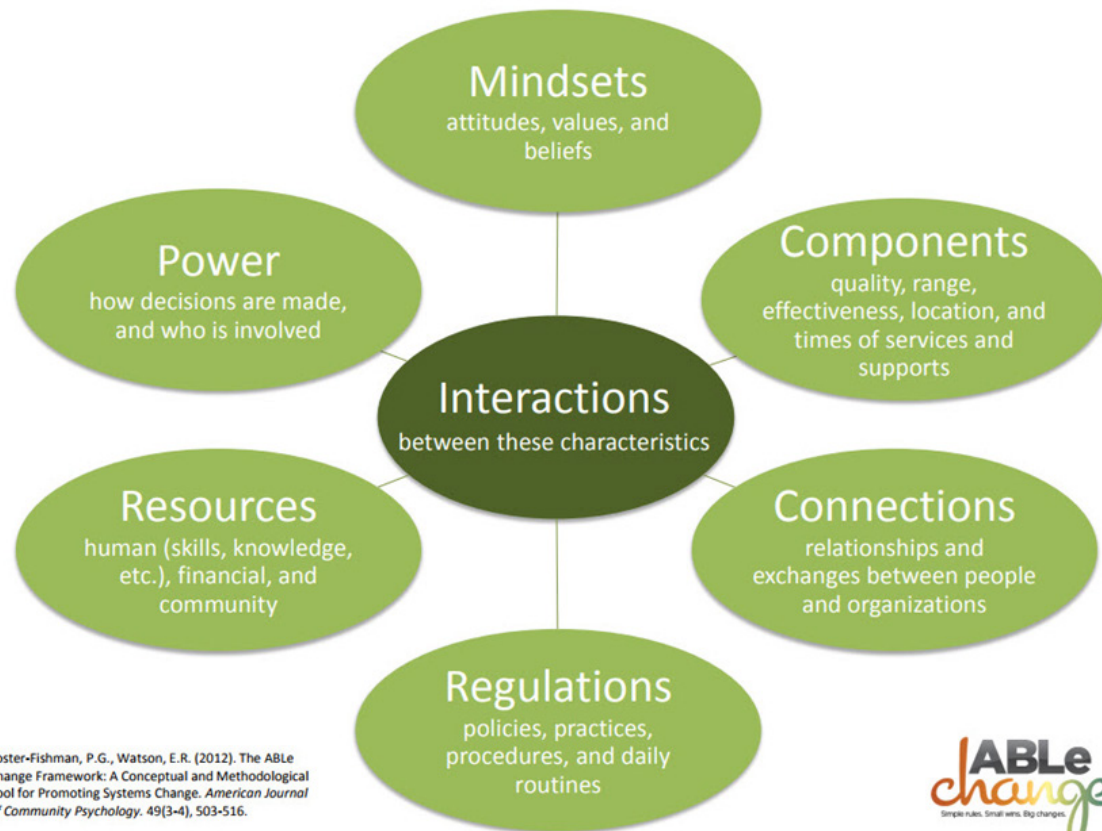
DISSEMINATE

Continue to share the most impactful Early Childhood content, resources, supports and data with families, professionals, providers and community leaders through a wide range of communication formats, media and distribution channels.

CONNECT

Maintain ongoing networking, conversations, exchanges, collaboration and partnerships among families, professionals, providers and community leaders that support school readiness and reading proficiently by third grade.

EVERYBODY READY EVERYBODY RESPONSIBLE

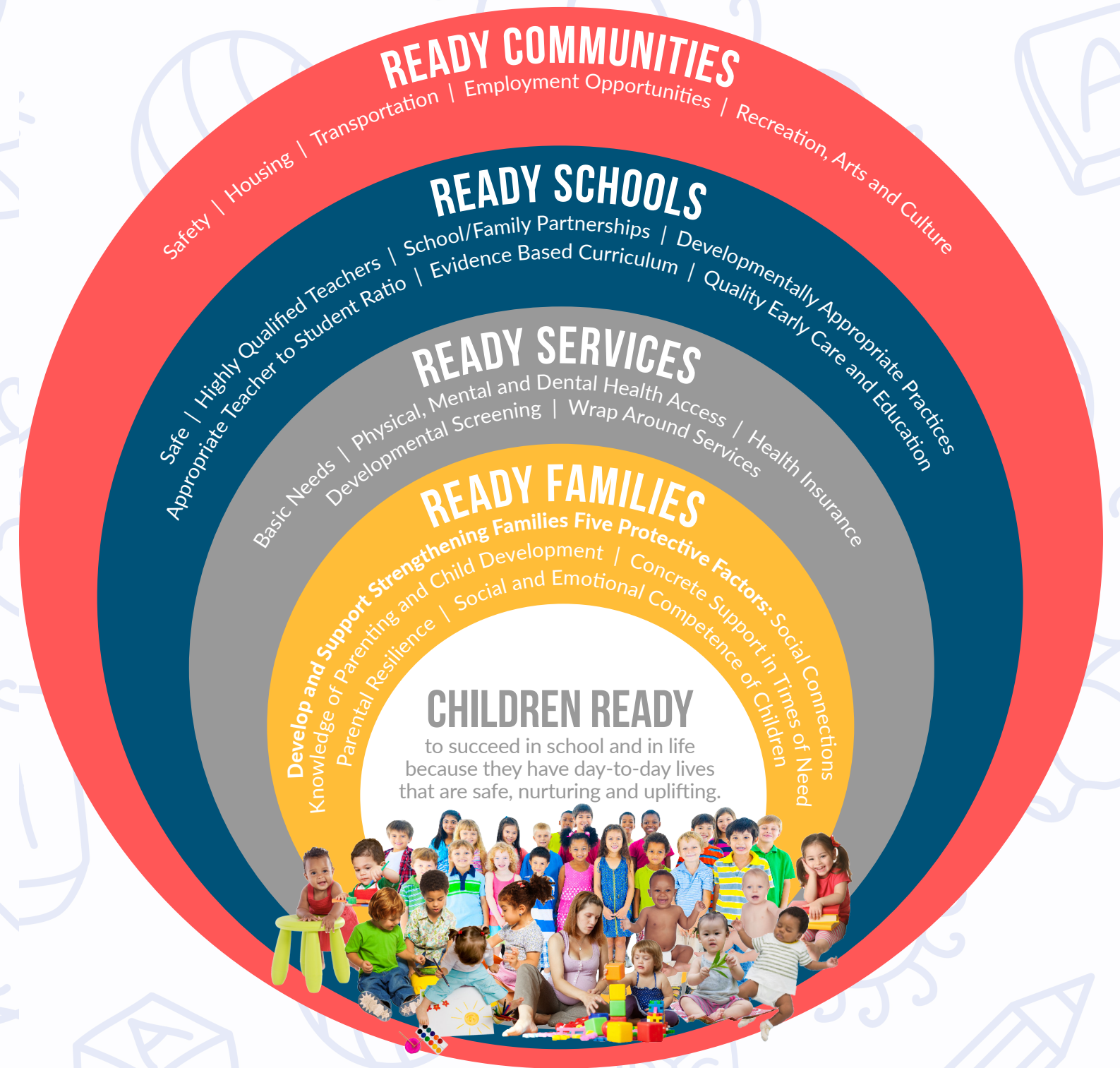


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BORN READY AND GREAT AT EIGHT

Summary of Great Start Wayne Strategic Plan 2018-2020



SERVICE LEADERSHIP COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE

READY CHILDREN

207,000 CHILDREN AGES 0-8

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READY SCHOOL "TOUCHPOINTS"

Wayne County is home to over **2500** licensed early care centers, group homes, registered family homes, and over **1000** relative providers. In addition, there are **110** Great Start Readiness program sites serving nearly **8000** four-year old children and **174** Head Start and Early Head Start sites serve another **6800** children and their families. Nearly **24,000** children will enter kindergarten classrooms in the over **400** elementary buildings in Wayne County.

The 2018-20 Strategies and Activities for Ready Schools will support two goals:

- Families across Wayne County have access to high quality early childhood learning and development experiences that support readiness and third-grade reading proficiency
- Families, caregivers and schools have effective partner relationships to ensure a common understanding of school readiness and the importance of third-grade reading proficiency

READY SERVICES "TOUCHPOINTS"

There are over **500** organizations that provide basic needs, home visiting, nutrition support, developmental screening, transportation services and wraparound services to children and families in Wayne County. In addition, there are approximately **4,000** medical, dental and mental health providers. These "TOUCHPOINTS" provide critical emergency, routine and long-term services and supports to families with young children.

The 2018-20 Strategies and Activities for Ready Services will support one goal:

- Families, caregivers and schools are more aware and can better access and navigate the wide range of Early Childhood services, programs and resources that support early childhood development, school readiness and third-grade reading proficiency

READY COMMUNITIES "TOUCHPOINTS"

There are 10,000-12,000 places where families connect daily, weekly, monthly or occasionally: grocery stores, gas stations, beauty/barber shops, libraries, houses of worship, parks and recreation centers, museums, zoos etc. In addition they connect with various municipal services including public safety, utilities and courts. These "TOUCHPOINTS" are not directly in the Early Childhood space, but they are an integral part of the life fabric for families.

The 2018-20 Strategies and Activities for Ready Communities will support one goal:

- Community leaders throughout Wayne County have a better understanding of the importance of Early Childhood issues, services and supports and how they can use this information to impact the lives of their congregants, employees, members and constituents with respect to school readiness and third-grade reading proficiency

READY FAMILIES "LIFEPOINTS"

There are over 207,000 children ages 0-8 in Wayne County. The parents, grandparents and foster parents who care for them are approximately another 250,000 adults. The collective work of this Strategic Plan supports strengthening these families.

The 2018-20 Strategies and Activities for Ready Families will support one goal:

- Families in targeted communities throughout Wayne County have access to resources they need

To view a full copy of the GSC-W Strategic Plan for 2018-2020 click on www.greatstartwayne.org/our-work

"TOUCHPOINTS" are those formal, informal and casual connections that young children and families make to programs, providers, schools, businesses and other services in the community.