

## Texas Community Campaign for School Readiness: Early Development Instrument

United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County

San Antonio, Texas

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### Description of Local Initiative/Project

- Target Population: Kindergarten children in Edgewood, Harlandale and San Antonio Independent School District
  - Will be adding Northside ISD for 2012-13 school year
- Target Geography: Eastside and Westside of San Antonio, Texas
- Pilot project for 2012 and 2013 in Edgewood, Harlandale, and San Antonio Independent School District with expansion to all 15 school districts in San Antonio within 5 years

## Assets in San Antonio

- The Department of Education *Eastside Promise Neighborhood Implementation grant award*
- United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County's **Children's Issue Council**
- **The P16 Plus Council** which is comprised of local business men and women who are actively engaged in early childhood education and creating data systems that can cross school districts
- **SA2020**: Mayor Castro's long-term planning initiative to reshape the City of San Antonio by 2020

## Challenges

- San Antonio has 15 Independent School Districts
- Data Sharing and Collaboration can be difficult throughout school districts and local agencies

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## What's Happened So Far..

- 216 Kindergarten teachers from Edgewood, Harlandale, and SAISD were trained in January 2012
- 3,847 kindergarten students were assessed using EDI by the deadline of March 1 (93% of students within the schools chosen were assessed, the goal was 50%)
- Community-level data will be produced within the next week to show academic, social, emotional, physical and socio-economic vulnerabilities within the neighborhoods

## Teacher Training



## EDI Implementation

- EDI data collection to date
  - 3 school districts for 2011-12, 4 school districts for 2012-13
- Goals/plans for future EDI data collection
  - Expansion to all 15 school districts within 5 years
- Successful strategies/innovations regarding EDI data collection
  - School Districts using Professional Development days for EDI training or paying to bring in substitutes so all kinder teachers can be trained
- Biggest challenges concerning EDI data collection
  - Bilingual and Spanish only classes being assessed based on English skills

## Community Engagement

*Who have you engaged (or do you plan to engage) around understanding and using EDI results?*

- The City of San Antonio
  - Mayor's Office, City Manager's Office
  - Head Start Administration
- Local Business leaders
- Non-profit agencies with investments in Early Childhood Education
- Superintendents, principals and teachers from all 15 districts in San Antonio
- Parents from all of the school districts

## Innovations, Positive Outcomes

- Great local data partner: CI-Now
  - Already has an interactive website with maps for the city based on census data and data from local early childhood programs
- Even stronger early childhood collaboration around the city
- Increased community awareness of quality early childhood education and care
- Stronger collaboration between all 15 school districts
- Data sharing between local agencies, school districts and the City