A Community’s Framework for Action on Education

Priority community issue: **Education – Helping children and youth succeed**

Education focus areas:

- School readiness
- Early-grade reading proficiency
- Middle-school success
- On-time high school graduation
- Completion of college or advanced training

Components of school readiness:
- Health & physical development
- Social, emotional & intellectual development
- Language & literacy development

Components of early reading:
- Phonemic awareness & phonics foundation
- Reading fluency via practice & feedback
- Strong vocabulary
- Text Comprehension

Components of middle-school success:

Components of on-time high school graduation:

Components of completion of college or advanced training:
School readiness language & literacy strategies:

- Provide resources and supports for families and caregivers
- Improve the quality and accessibility of early learning opportunities
- Provide quality, age-appropriate books to children
- Build awareness about the importance of data on children’s readiness to learn
- Engage the public and educate policymakers on early learning

Early grade reading strategies:

- Provide support to students struggling with reading
- Develop effective principals and teachers who keep students engaged in reading and learning
- Help families and communities to help their children become strong readers

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