

# Quarterly Performance Report

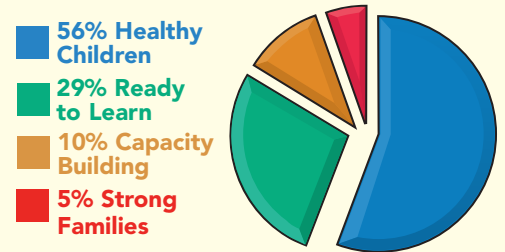
## Focus Area: Ready to Learn

### March 2008



Children & Families  
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### Budget by Goal Area (\$45.3 million in program spending)



### Orange County Fast Facts

- 41,905 total births (2005 Data)
- 262,229 children ages 0 – 5 (2000 Census)
- 100,753 children ages 0 – 5 directly touched by services – 38% of children 0 – 5
- 128 Commission-funded programs
- 117 organizations providing services

### Ready to Learn Fast Facts

- 52,251 Children read to at Reach Out and Read sites
- 19,218 Books distributed to children at early literacy programs and community events
- 17,240 Home visits provided to families
- 3,872 Children received comprehensive assessments to facilitate transition to kindergarten
- 3,071 Children screened for vision, hearing, speech, and developmental progress
- 1,888 Parent education classes and workshops provided
- 5,461 Referrals to family resource centers and other community agencies
- 1,002 Children referred or assisted with health insurance enrollment
- 917 Parents received mentoring services
- 808 Training sessions provided to preschool and early care and education staff
- 661 Children with special needs enrolled in school readiness programs and preschool classes
- 67 Prospective child care providers trained to meet state licensing requirements

### Ready to Learn Programs – \$12,961,382

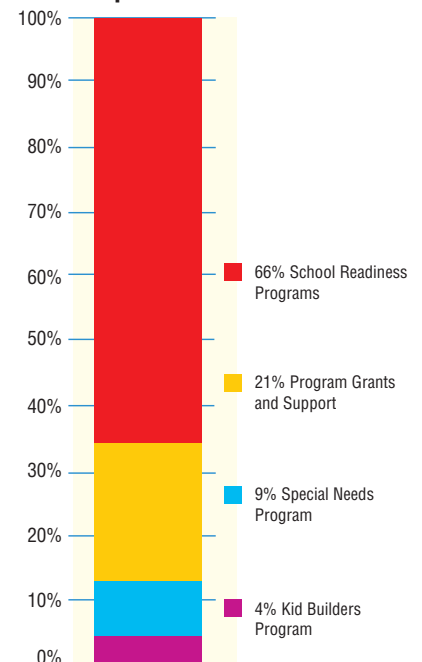
Program	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
School Readiness Programs	\$8,509,587	12,165	16,675
Program Grants and Support*	2,699,831	5,423	4,064
Kid Builders Program	579,000		
Special Needs Program	1,172,964	622	1,232
<b>Ready to Learn Total</b>	<b>\$12,961,382</b>	<b>18,210</b>	<b>21,971</b>

\*Note: Includes Early Literacy, Reach Out and Read, and HABLA programs.

Nearly 20,000 Kid Builder books were distributed this year.

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### Allocation of Ready to Learn Expenditures



## Ready to Learn Program Summaries

### LEAPS

The Learning, Early Intervention And Parent Support (LEAPS) program is one of 10 Special Needs Project demonstration sites statewide. The goal of LEAPS is to demonstrate and promote effective practices for serving children ages zero to five with disabilities and other special needs, including mental health needs. The project has four main emphasis areas: 1) access to universal screening; 2) improved access to and use of services; 3) inclusion and support of children with disabilities and other special needs in community programs and settings; and 4) evaluation to identify effective practices.

During 2006-07, LEAPS increased the number of children receiving screenings, and improved systems for care coordination, including referrals to partner programs and agencies for assessments and services. LEAPS conducted 585 culturally sensitive screenings which included developmental, behavioral, health and parenting-stress components. Over 230 children with developmental concerns or risk factors were referred for follow-up services. A Child Study Team was created and met regularly to review screening outcomes and refer families to appropriate services.

The project has successfully developed and currently implements pre-intervention services at the LEAPS site, including an inclusive parent-child interaction program and an inclusive preschool classroom. LEAPS also continued its strong relationships with School Readiness programs, School Readiness Nurses, Family Support Network, and Pediatric Health Neurodevelopmental Programs.

### Kid Builders

Kid Builders provides activities for parents and caregivers to engage their young children in six developmental areas: health, relationship, word, mind, body and safety, to help them be safe and ready to learn when they enter kindergarten. Following the distribution of the first printing of Kid Builders, over 1,000 parents completed a telephone survey about their experiences with the books. In July 2006, a report on the findings from the telephone survey was submitted to the Commission, which indicated that Kid Builders was an impressive success.

Distribution of the second printing of Kid Builder materials occurred in 2006-07, and included many organizations that continue to use Kid Builders in their programs such as Family Resource Centers, Project Access sites, the County of Orange Public Health Nurse home visitation teams, MOMS, the Child Abuse Prevention Center, LEAPS, and shelters. In January 2007, the Commission approved a third printing of 60,000 additional sets of books through a partnership with Meredith Publishing. Staff prepared implementation guidelines, distribution criteria, and a countywide plan for the expanded Kid Builders distribution. This provided for distribution to all school districts, Reach Out and Read sites, prenatal and early care providers, and individual parents through outlets such as city recreation departments and libraries, which began during this year and continues today.