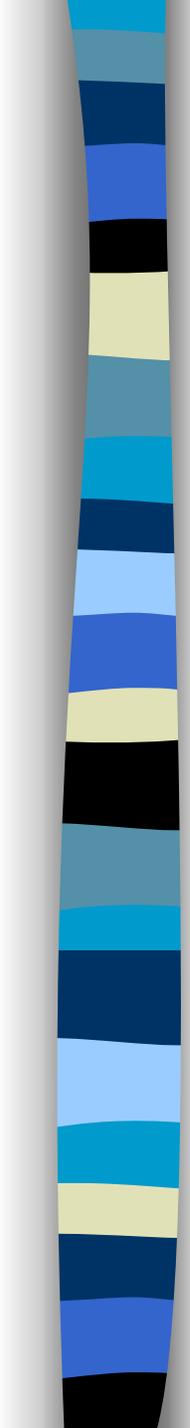


Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

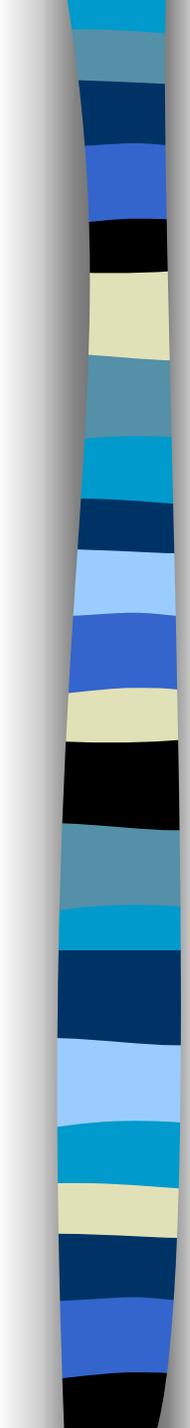


School Readiness Initiative



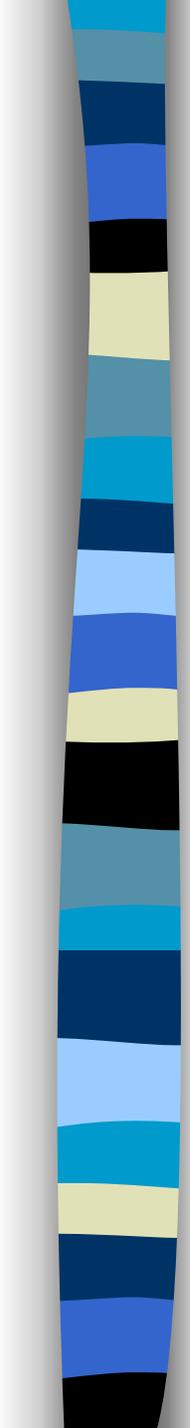
Help Minneapolis children enter kindergarten “ready to learn”

- Funded by federal Early Learning Opportunities Act grant
(fall 2002-spring 2004)
- \$1 million plus 15% YCB match
- Received due to YCB status and solid proposals tied to federal goals



Four main components

- 1) Improve child care
- 2) Support families
- 3) Measure progress
- 4) Shape an early childhood “system”



1) Improve child care

- Train providers in early literacy skills
- Support further child development education through TEACH® scholarships
- Retain quality providers through REETAIN retention bonuses

2) Support families

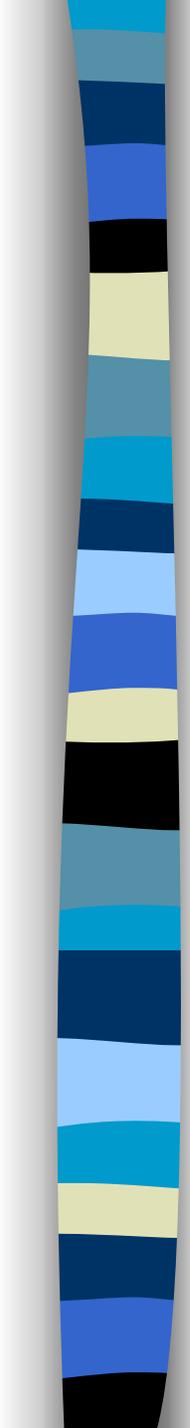
- Promote earlier screening of children to identify problems sooner



Early childhood screening

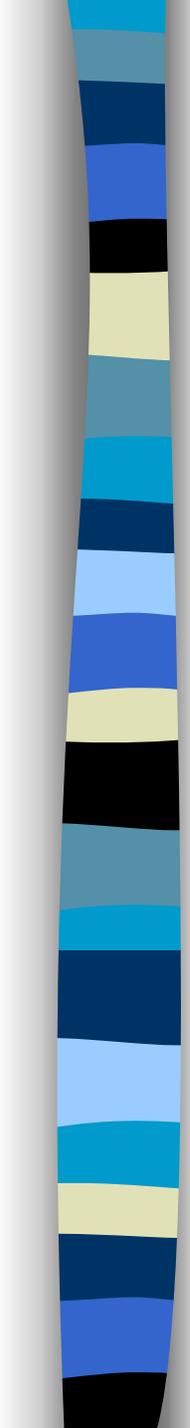
Call 612-348-TOTS

- Connect families with resources
- Share early literacy messages with families



3) **Measure progress**

- Monitor indicators of child well-being
- Evaluate efforts



4) Shape early childhood “system”

- Keep early childhood partners at the same table
- Inventory early childhood services to identify gaps and overlaps
- Recommend public policy