

BRIGHTSTARS PILOT TEST: SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE

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Purpose

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- Pilot test BrightStars framework in child care centers, family child care homes, and school-age programs
- Revise criteria & procedures, as needed

Note: Collaborative partnership among RIAEYC, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, & FPG

Measurement

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- Levels of Evidence
 - ▣ Observation
 - ▣ Review of existing documents
 - ▣ Self-report
- Original draft framework measured 25 standards
 - ▣ 52 different things
- Data collection tools
 - ▣ Document review, facility checklist, director q'aire, qualifications & PD forms, licensing data

School Age Pilot Sample (N = 23)

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- Response rate of 46%
 - ▣ Contacted 56 programs in order to gather data from 24 programs
 - ▣ Of 52 that were eligible, 24 agreed
 - ▣ 1 excluded because of missing data
- Statewide
 - ▣ Providence County (39%), Kent County (26%), Newport County (17%), Washington County (13%), Bristol County (4%)

SA Pilot: Program Characteristics

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- ▣ Capacity
 - Mean of 56 (range from 16-200)
- ▣ Enrollment of Children
 - Mean of 33 (range from 2-103)
- ▣ Families Served
 - Mean of 28 families (range from 2-96)

SA Enrollment by Grade

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Grade	Mean Enrollment (range)
Kindergarten	5 (0-14)
1 st Grade	7 (0-20)
2 nd Grade	6 (0-17)
3 rd Grade	6 (0-16)
4 th Grade	5 (0-17)
5 th Grade	3 (0-9)
6 th Grade	1.5 (0-9)

SA Pilot: Program Characteristics

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- ▣ 61% were compliant with licensing criteria
- ▣ 0% were NAA-accredited
- ▣ 87% not-for-profit
- ▣ 87% accepted children on subsidies
- ▣ 83% kept all children together in 1 group

Group Size

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	Mean	Range
Overall	16	(1 – 41)
Kindergarten	17.7	(1 – 41)
1 st Grade	11.8	(5 – 19)

Number of Children per Adult (Ratio)

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	Mean	Range
Overall	7.2	(1 – 16)
Kindergarten	7	(1 – 12)
1 st Grade	8.5	(3.5 – 16)

Curriculum

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- 75% used a curriculum
 - 33% YMCA
 - 33% own
 - 24% SPARK
 - 10% other

Director: Education

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Degree	Percentage
High School or GED	17%
Associate's	0
Bachelor's or more	78%

5% missing data

Director: Major

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- Of the 18 directors with a Bachelor's degree,
 - 44% Other
 - 39% ECE/Human Dev & Family Studies
 - 17% Elementary Education

Site Coordinator: Education

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Degree	Percentage
High School or GED	0
Associate's	15%
Bachelor's or more	70%

15% missing data

Site Coordinator: Major

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- Of the 17 site coordinators with an AA or BA+ degree, know the majors for 11
 - 4 Other (36%)
 - 3 Psychology (27%)
 - 2 Early Childhood Education (18%)
 - 1 Elementary Education (9%)
 - 1 Business (9%)

Lead Group Staff: Education

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Degree	Percentage
High School or GED	32%
Some College	23%
Associate's	10%
Bachelor's or more	26%

9% missing data

Detailed Findings

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- Review framework handout

Considerations

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- Consistency vs. relevancy across frameworks
- Licensing compliance
- What observation measure to use?
- Director/Site Coordinator/Lead Group Staff
 - 70% of Site Coordinators also were Lead Group Staff
- Which SA programs do you expect/would like to participate in BrightStars?
 - How to motivate/provide incentives?