A Seamless P-3 System

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Our Nation’s Children

• 23% children living in poverty
• 54% children not attending preschool
• 66% 4th graders not reading at grade level
• 66% 8th graders not proficient in math
• 19% high school students not graduating on time.

Source: Kids Count 2014
12 states represented today

4 states at or above average on all indicators

4 states at or below average on all indicators

Source: Kids Count 2014
Key P-3 Policy Points

• Pre-K
  – Funding, Quality, Teacher Qualifications
• Kindergarten – Program Req’ts
• K-3 Teacher Certification & Licensure
• KEA
• K-3 Standards
• 3rd Grade Reading
Pre-K, Quality, Tchr Qualifications

Funding
• 42 state-funded pre-K programs
  – 4yr olds served – 7 states serve 60%+; 26 states serve fewer than 20%

Quality – QRIS
• 38 states currently have a QRIS; 17 of them measure teacher/child interactions

Teach Qualifications
• 22 states require lead to have a BA

Source: New America Foundation P-3 Database – releasing this Fall
Kindergarten

- Full Day K required in 12 states; Half Day K required in 34 states
- Attendance req’d in 16 states
- Length of Day –
  - half-day programs 2-3 ¼ hrs,
  - full day programs 4-7hrs.
Kindergarten – State Actions

- In MN, districts are not required to offer full day K, but the state recently made funding available to do so.
- In WA, allocations for state-funded voluntary full-day kindergarten programs are expanded beg in 2012-13 with full implementation by 2018.
- In NV, certain school districts with highest # of ELLs will receive add’l funding for free pre-K and FDK.
- Beg. in 2013-14, the RI Commissioner can approve up to 4 schools ea. yr to receive funding to expand from HD to FDK.
K-3 Certification & Licensure

- ECE licenses (B/P-3rd grade)
- Elementary Licenses (K-5th grade)
- Kinders req’d to have ECE license – 14 states
- Big differences in teacher prep for ECE vs. Elementary licenses

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• Arizona and some other states require K teachers to have the ECE license

• Pennsylvania has a P-4 and Grade 4-8 license

• South Carolina has an ECE Prek-3rd and an Elementary Grade 2-6

Source: L. Bornfreund, New America
KEAs

- 16 states w/ 22 more in development

- State actions:
  - To avoid double-testing, this year CO streamlined school readiness assessment in kindergarten.

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Early learning Guidelines – Every state has a set but they span different grade-levels.

Beyond age 5:
- CO, ID – Birth-3rd grade
- HI – Birth – End of K
- WI – Birth – 3rd grade
3rd Grade Reading

- 32 require annual reading assessments in K-3
- 30 states require interventions before 3rd grade
- 17 states require retention, 3 add’l allow retention

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AZ requires the Board to provide for universal screening of students in pre-K (& K-3).

NM’s K-3 Plus program provides funding (through the Dept) to fund FDK and extended school yr by 25 days in high-poverty schools

FL expanded the day by 1hr in lowest performing schools for reading instruction.
QUESTIONS?