

Forming Partnerships for Family Literacy

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Family Literacy is

- Parents becoming literate (adult education)
- Children become literate (early childhood ed.)
- Parents learn to help their children through school (parenting education)
- Parents and children learn together (interactive literacy activities, ILA)

What it Does



Adults



Texas Even Start 2005 Research

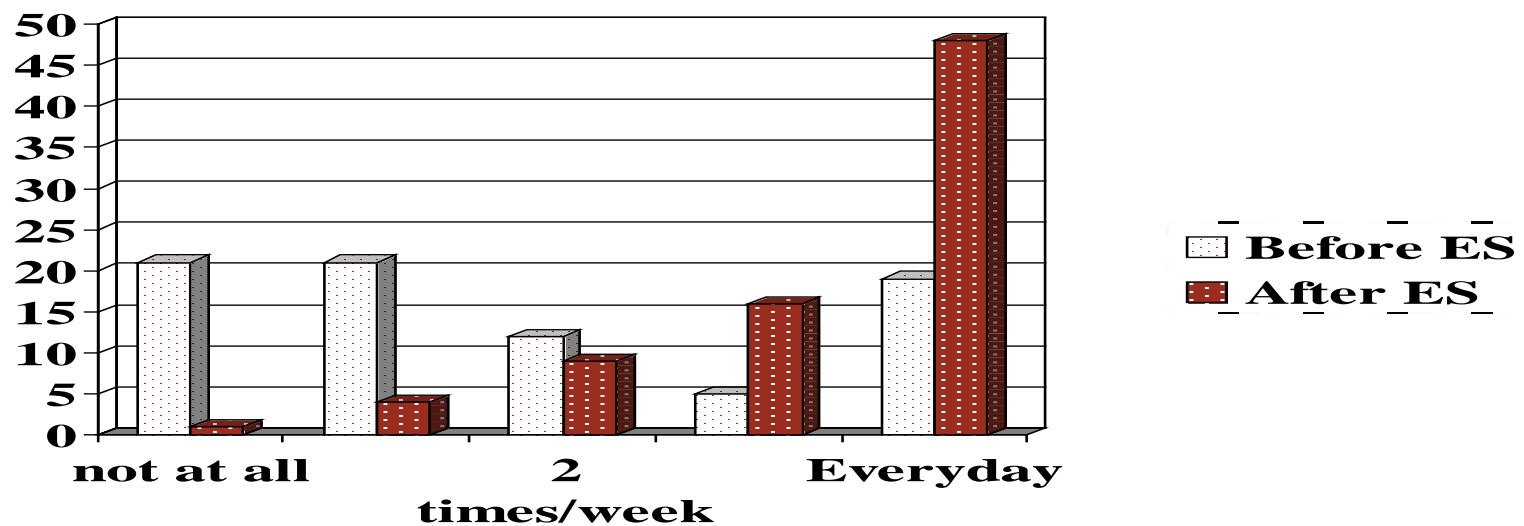
- 20 of 94 Programs
- Telephone Survey
 - Demographic Information
 - Education
 - Employment
- 487 Adults
- 2.6 years since leaving program

Findings--Education

- Did your children improve in school after you enrolled in Even Start?
 - Not yet in school (17%)
 - Yes (n = 382, 79%)
 - Better grades (64%)
 - Better attendance (42%)
 - Adjust well in school (52%)
 - Learn more English (45%)
 - No (4%)

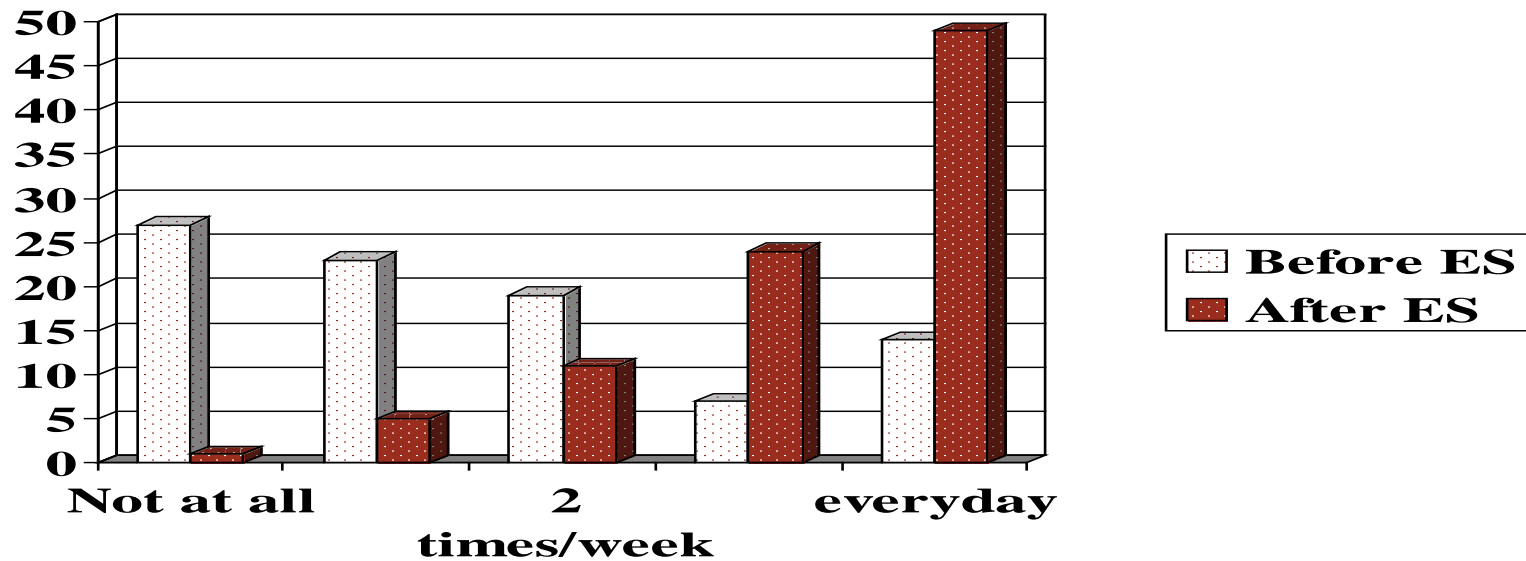
Findings--Education

How often did/do you help your children with their learning activities/homework?



Findings--Education

How much did/do you read to your children?



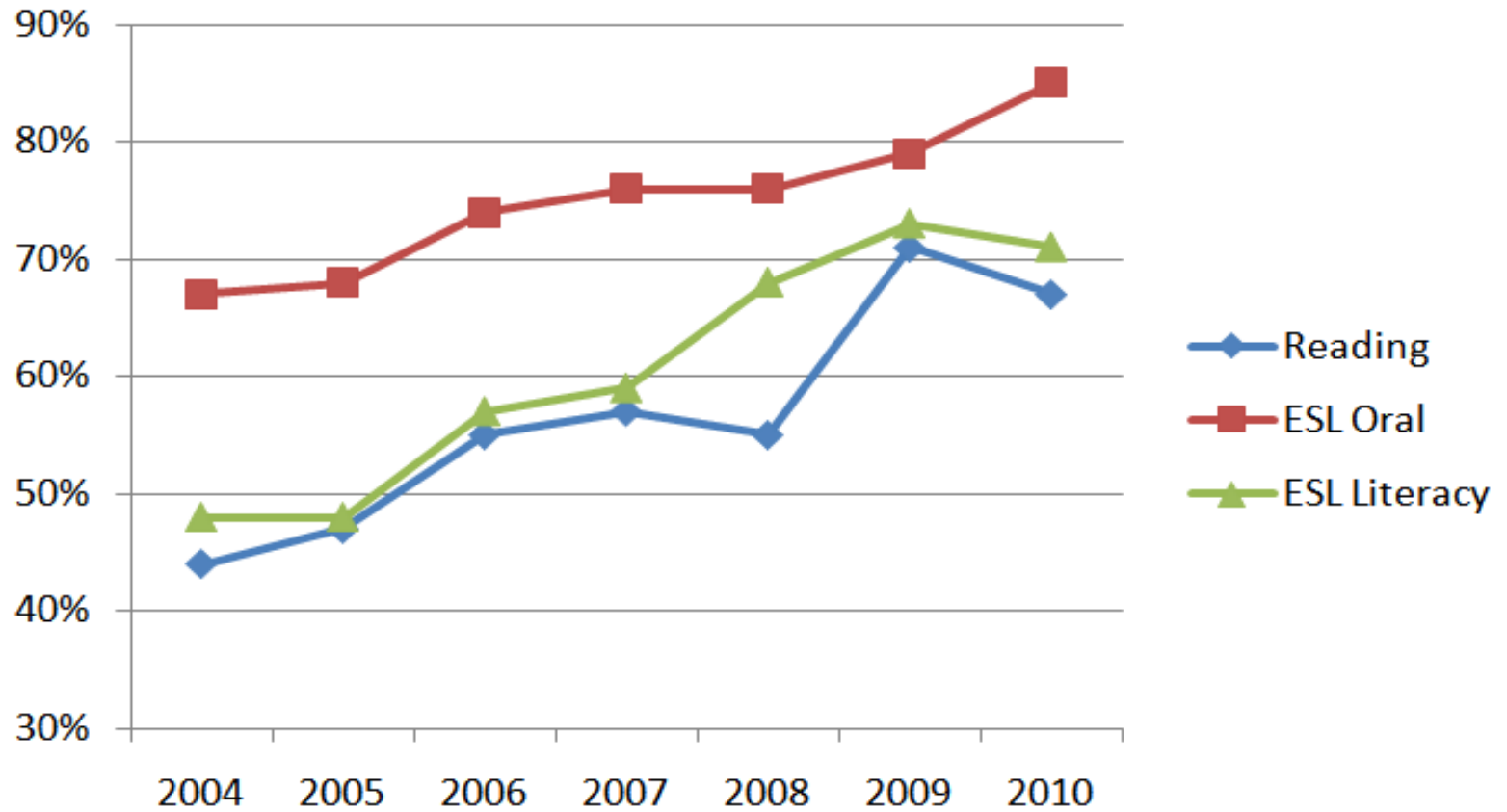
Findings--Employment

	Before ES	After ES	Difference
# of parents employed	82	253	209%
Average wage per week	\$185.83	\$250.57	35%
Total wage per week	\$15,238	\$63,394	316%
Average hours of work per week	28.06	32.63	16%

Findings--Public Assistance

	Before ES	After ES
# of people receiving public assistance	253 (52%)	171 (35%)
Type of assistance	WIC (72%) Food stamps (43%) Medicaid (23%)	WIC (59%) Food stamps (42%) Medicaid (29%)

Adult Education Trends



Children





2007 Statewide Child Study

- Data from 51 of 60 programs used, 85% of all programs
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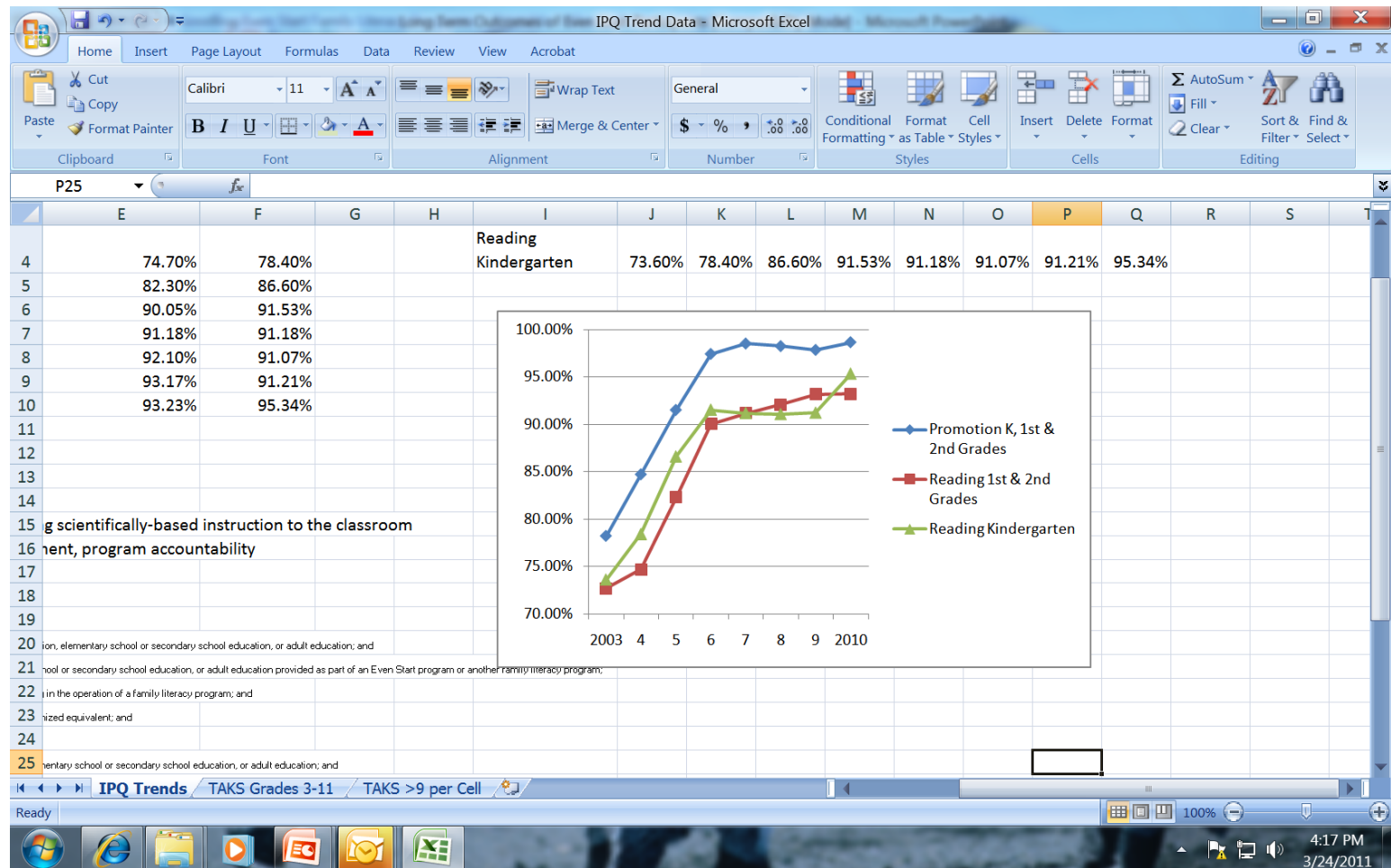
Findings

- Mean scores for ES children were 11.6 points higher
- Statistical significance of .001
- Positive relationship between PPVT scores of children and parent's BEST Plus scores.
- Children's performance directly related to parents' achievements

Practical Outcomes

- Even Start helped to narrow the educational gap for Texas 4 year olds
- Even Start produced language increases for two generations
- Difference is attributable to Even Start 999 out of 1000 times.

Promotion and Reading Trends



Data Source: Even Start Indicator of Program Quality State Report, 2003 - 2010

Standardized Reading Assessment Pass Rates

Children Enrolled in Even Start After Implementation of Staff Qualifications and Higher Quality Instruction, Reading Results

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
3rd Grade in 2007	85%	81%	83%	70%
Tx Econ. Disadv.	84%	78%	77%	80%
3rd Grade in 2008	82%	84%	87%	
Tx Econ. Disadv.	84%	80%	80%	
3rd Grade in 2009	94%	96%		
Tx Econ. Disadv.	86%	81%		
3rd Grade in 2010	94%			
Tx Econ. Disadv.	89%			

Data Sources: Texas Academic Excellence Indicator System, years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

Texas Even Start Annual Indicator of Program Quality State Reports, years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

Texas Even Start Annual Performance Reports, years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Community Impact

- **lower levels of reliance on public assistance**
- **increased family self-sufficiency**
- **increased tax revenues**
- **more well-educated residents**
- **lower referral rates for special education**

It Takes a Village to Build a Family

Organizations can work together to accomplish goals they could not achieve individually.



One Minute Quick Talk



ial Partners



Head
Start



Communities
In Schools





What Makes Successful Partnerships?

- Common goals
- Concrete contributions from all partners
- Outcomes are intentionally measured
- Outcomes that satisfy needs for all partners
- A skillful and committed leader
- Ongoing formal and informal communication



Sample Common Goals

- Target low-literacy families
- Goal of supporting student achievement in school
- Serve parents and their children
- Offer literacy and related educational development opportunities



Tips for Successful Family Literacy Partnerships

- Clearly identify your mission, then design a plan to accomplish that mission
- Set SMART Goals & revisit them often
- Intentional instruction in all components
- Strong leadership
- System for measuring student progress

Tips for Successful Family Literacy Partnerships

- Real communication with partners
- Address the elephants in the room
- Evaluate partnerships periodically
- Publish results to parents, partners, administration and school board


One Minute Quick Talk




Address Known Barriers

- Child care
- Classroom space
- Background Screening Systems (Raptor)
- Multiple languages/cultures
- Curriculum
- Professional Development

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Located in City

Serves County

Program Type (affiliation/support)

Service Provided (ABE, ESL, Family Literacy etc.)

Service Region

Need a Spanish Speaker? Yes
¿Necesita alguien que hable español?



Long Term Endeavor

- Family literacy applies a family “systems” approach educational success
- Based on academic success of parents and children, present and future
- Results build over time

Find No or Low-Cost Curricula

Adult Education

English For All
USA Learns
GED Connection
Money Smart

Parenting Education

Fathers Reading Every Day
Building Family Strengths
National Parent Education
Model

Early Childhood

District PK-12 Curriculum
Creative Curriculum

Interactive Literacy

Learning Games
PBS Kids
Story Place.org
Family Literacy Handbook,
Oxford University Press



Find Low/No Cost Literacy-Based Family Activities

- Children's Museums
- PBS Kids
- Libraries

Quality Training

- Thinkfinity.org
- GREAT Centers
- Wonderopolis.org
- PBS Kids
- Texas Family Literacy Resource Center web site
- National Center for Family Literacy

Online Resources for Instruction

- PK Guidelines
http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ed_init/pkguidelines/PKG_Final_100808.pdf
- TEKS <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148>
- College Readiness Standards
<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=EADF962E-0E3E-DA80-BAAD2496062F3CD8>
- AE Content Standards <http://www-tcall.tamu.edu/taesp/guide08/cover.html>