

# Pre-Kindergarten Pilot Implementation Update

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# Implementation Status

- \* Four of the five PreK Pilot counties (Allen, Lake, Marion & Vanderburgh) will be ready for an early start date in January 2015. Jackson will not be ready until August 2015.

# Implementation Status (cont)

- \* Provider enrollment opened November 12<sup>th</sup> and will be ongoing throughout the PreK Pilot.
- \* Family enrollment for the 1<sup>st</sup> cohort in January (in Allen, Lake, Marion and Vanderburgh counties) began November 19<sup>th</sup> and will run until December 15<sup>th</sup>. A lottery will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> and families will be notified immediately thereafter. Those families who have been awarded a grant have until January 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize the required grant information and to enroll their child in an eligible program of their choice.

# Implementation Status (cont)

- \* Providers participating in the January start must begin providing services no later than January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- \* The anticipated January 2015 enrollment based on available provider capacity is 350 4-year-olds:
  - \* Vanderburgh – 90
  - \* Lake – 100
  - \* Marion – 100
  - \* Allen – 60

# Implementation Status (cont)

- \* The full launch of the PreK Pilot program will be in August 2015, with family enrollment beginning in April 2015. For the second cohort, FSSA anticipates between 1600-2000 children enrolled across the five counties depending on available capacity.
- \* To support quality implementation, FSSA has been routinely holding meetings with the various stakeholders in each of the PreK Pilot counties.
- \* Governor Pence and FSSA are committed to asking the 2015 General Assembly to set aside funds in the next state budget to help ensure the ongoing success of the PreK Pilot.

# Implementation Status (cont)

- \* An RFP for an evaluator for the longitudinal study was issued in August 2014, for which 4 bids were received.
- \* The proposals were scored by members of FSSA, IDOE and CECI, and an award was made to Purdue University on November 26, 2014.
- \* The study will compare eligible children against similar students who did not receive PreK services and must include a comparison of assessment results in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.