



Pilot Project Information Sessions March 14 & 16, 2017



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Information Session Overview

- About Erikson Institute
- Erikson's Strategic Plan and Vision
- About the EDI
- Benefits of the EDI
- Pilot Project Components & RFP Timeline
- Expectations
- Q & A

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ABOUT ERIKSON INSTITUTE



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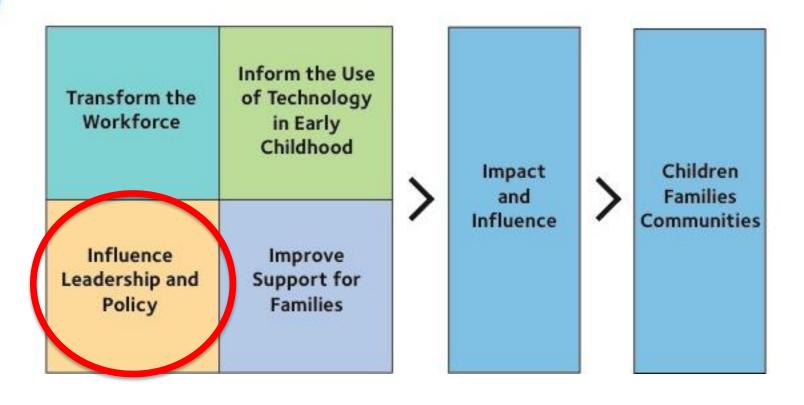
- Community Partners
- Direct Service
- Policy and Leadership



STRATEGIC PLAN & VISION

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ABOUT THE EDI



What is the EDI?

The Early Development Instrument (referred to as EDI) is a teacher completed instrument which measures children's development ----Offord Centre for Child Studies

- Neighborhood measure in the context of a community
- Checklist of 103 questions
- Completed by kindergarten teachers during the second half of the school year
- Typically administered triennially
- Holistic measure in five key domains

EDI Domains and Sub Domains

DOMAIN	SUB-DOMAINS
1) Physical Health and Well-being	Physical readinessPhysical independenceGross and fine motor
2) Social Competence	 Overall social competence Responsibility and respect Approaches to learning Readiness to explore new things
3) Emotional Maturity	 Pro-social and helping behavior Anxious and fearful behavior Aggressive behavior Hyperactivity and inattention
4) Language and Cognitive Development	 Basic literacy Interest in literacy/numeracy and memory Advanced literacy Basic numeracy
5) Communication Skills & General Knowledge	 Skills to communicate Story telling Age appropriate knowledge about life



Sample Questions

Since the start of school in the fall, has this child sometimes (more than once) arrived:

- Over- or underdressed for school-related activities
- Too tired/sick to do school work
- Late
- Hungry

Would you say that this child:

- is able to solve day to day problems by him/hers
- is able to adjust to changes in routines
- comforts a child who is crying or upset
- fidgets
- appears fearful or anxious

Find a complete sample here:

https://edi.offordcentre.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/EDI-ON-2015-Eng-Jan-20.pdf



EDI Across the Globe

- Developed in Canada
- Adapted in many other countries
- Implemented in approximately 55 communities throughout the United States





EDI Purpose

The EDI empowers communities to develop solutions that address children in the context of their neighborhoods.

Long Range Goals include:

- 1. Identify needs/strengths
- Promote equitable distribution and alignment of resources
- 3. Foster better coordination across systems.

The EDI Does Not:

- Report on individual children
- Identify specific learning disabilities
- Recommend special education or being held back
- Recommend teaching approaches/inform instruction
- Reflect performance of school or quality of teaching



Key Differences: KIDS and EDI

QUESTION	KIDS	EDI
Who administers the tool?	Kindergarten teachers	Kindergarten teachers
Timeframe?	State Requirements: 2016-2017 All kindergarten teachers complete required training 2017-2018 All kindergarten students by the 40th day	Kindergarten teachers will administer the EDI during the second half of the school year. The EDI pilot will require completion for each kindergarten student by January 31, 2018.
How often is the tool administered?	Every school year	Triennially (if community continues to implement tool)



Reporting EDI Data

- Community Profile Results
 - Public information package consisted of EDI tables and maps
 - Describes how children are doing by neighborhood
 - Map set includes additional indicators by neighborhood
- Child level data file
 - Provided to local lead agency
 - Used to conduct additional analyses
- Confidential school report
 - Provided to schools/districts only
 - Tells schools how their children are doing developmentally
 - Compares individual school EDI outcomes to those in entire district

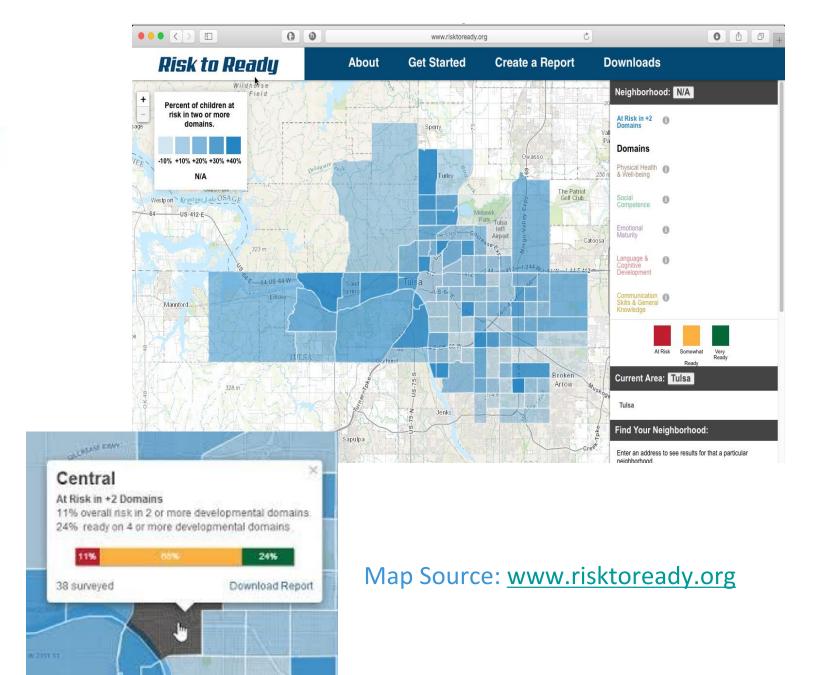


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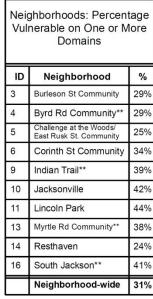
Findings indicate that achievement-related basic skills can be statistically predicted at least four years in advance and with an unusual level of precision through EDI data:

- Community snapshot of children's health, development and school readiness
- Informs place-based efforts to optimize the healthy development for all young children as the foundation for human development.

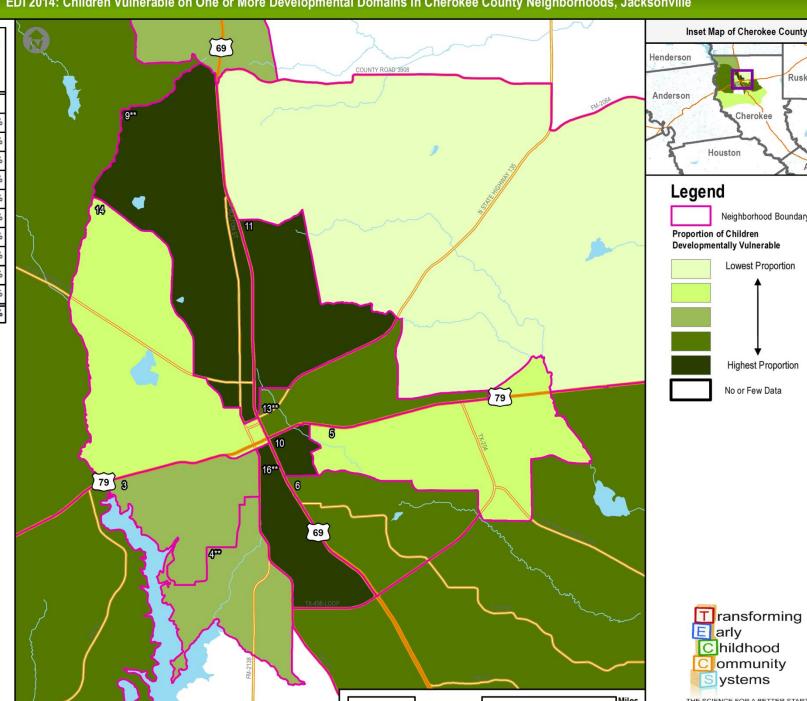
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EDI 2014: Children Vulnerable on One or More Developmental Domains in Cherokee County Neighborhoods, Jacksonville



** EDI data collection is less than



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Neighborhood Boundary

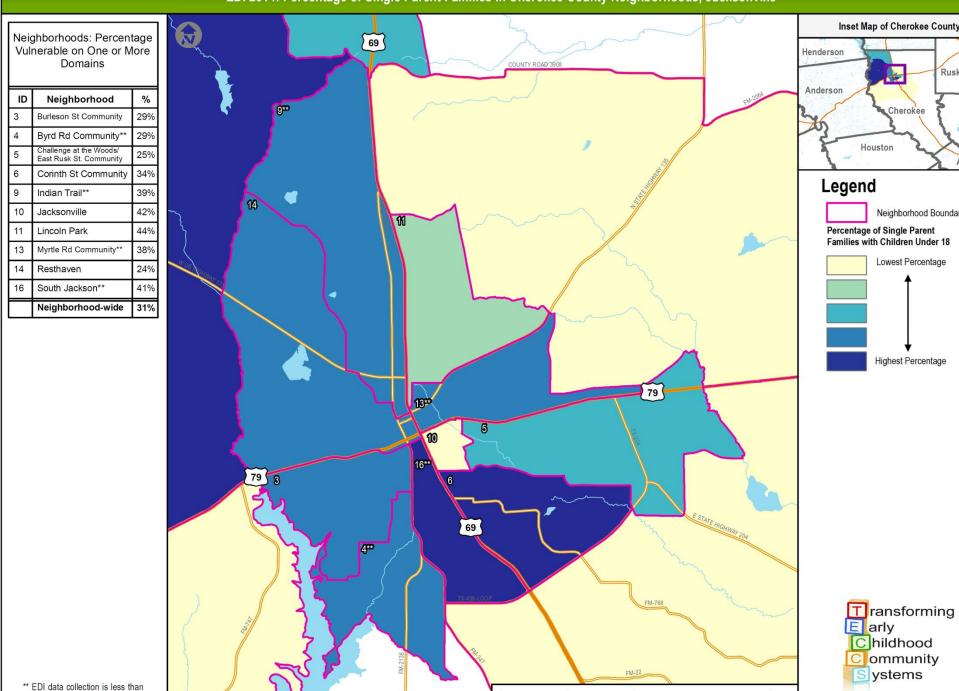
Lowest Proportion

Highest Proportion No or Few Data

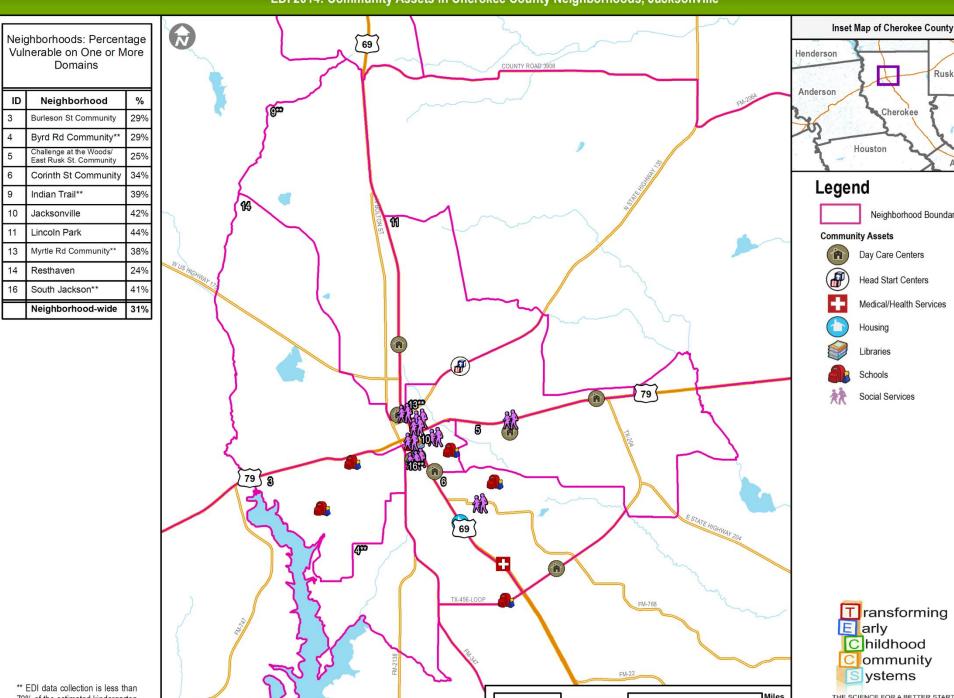
Houston

EDI 2014: Percentage of Single Parent Families in Cherokee County Neighborhoods, Jacksonville

Rusk



EDI 2014: Community Assets in Cherokee County Neighborhoods, Jacksonville



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BENEFITS



Bringing the Community Together

- Public Health
- Public Transit
- Parks and Rec
- Public Libraries

- City Council
- Housing
- Job Opportunities
- Food and Nutrition

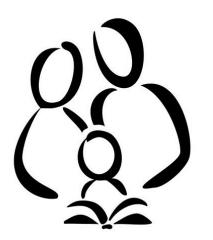


What are the benefits to the community?

- Provides precise data at a neighborhood level that encourages action by engaging a variety of stakeholders, and informs decision-making and planning processes.
- Communities use the data to advocate for changes to policies, systems, and funding at the local, county, and state levels.
- Provides a common language and comparable data
- Explore how to support family environments
- ESSA, ECBG/Preschool Expansion Development Grants



Parents and Community Leaders



Elected Officials



Researchers





Community Examples

- Ector County, TX
 - Half the neighborhoods surveyed demonstrated 25% of children struggling with gross motor skills
 - Free summer camps for incoming K students who lacked access to PK
- Pasadena, CA
 - After presenting EDI data to Council, they incorporated it into their city plan.



What are the benefits to schools?

- Plan for the needs of children arriving at school
- More precise data about children considered to be developmentally vulnerable, at risk, or on track
- In-depth information about the cohort of children
- Trend data
- Grant proposals





School Examples

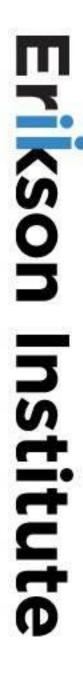
- AUSTRALIA –Primary school
 - Established parent-led playgroups
 - Extended educational and recreational activities for children during out-of-school hours and adopted principles of a fullservice extended school
 - Offered adult education programs for parents to support early learning and development prior to school (i.e. 'Sing & Grow', Positive Parenting Program, Healthy Eating Program)
 - Enhanced capacity of teaching staff to work with children experiencing speech and language difficulties, trauma, attachment issues and/or learning difficulties

PILOT PROJECT COMPONENTS & RFP TIMELINE



Pilot Project Objectives

- Support community collaborations
- Align vision and resources
- Policy and systems change



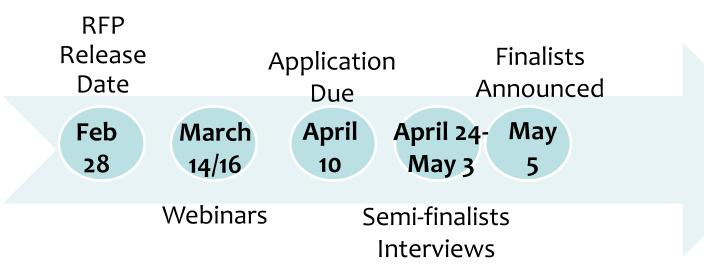
Implementation Components

- Select 6 EDI pilot communities
 - 2 communities in Phase one and 4 communities in Phase two
- Coaching and technical assistance
- Support creation and implementation of an action plan based on EDI data
- Document process and issue report



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Phase II RFP Important Dates-Spring 2017



RFP and online application available here: www.erikson.edu/edi

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EXPECTATIONS



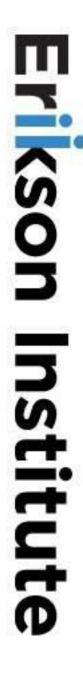
Implementation Partner & Deliverables

- Data Collection/Analysis
- Maps
- Community/School Reports
- Learning Network
- Training/Coaching
- Team support
- Teacher PD, upon request
- Limited funding
 - Substitute teachers
 - Teacher stipends



Support for Kindergarten Teachers

- Orientation
- Substitutes/Stipends
- Training
- Technical assistance
- Family and community support



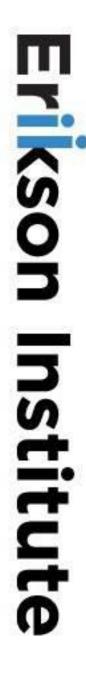
Expectations of a Pilot Community

- Establish a pilot team: local champions
- Have an established collaboration/coalition of cross-sector stakeholders
- Have a desire to collect data to drive decisions
- Provide timely feedback
- Secure commitment from stakeholders
- Support recruitment of kindergarten teachers
- Leverage financial and/or in-kind support



Information Session Recap

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EDI Video

Four minute video highlighting the EDI and why its collection is so important.

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QUESTIONS?



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