



Title: School Readiness Coordinator

Project Start/End: August 3rd, 2020 – August 2nd, 2021

Goal of the Project: Milwaukee Succeeds (MKE-S) is a community-wide partnership, grounded in collective impact, whose aim is to ensure success for every child, in every Milwaukee school, cradle to career. Our partnership consists of representatives from over 300 local organizations, working to identify, align, and scale strategies that move the needle on childhood outcomes. MKE-S is establishing this VISTA project to address the first five years of a child’s life and ensure that children will have the skills necessary to succeed. MKE-S monitors the progress of this goal through three indicators: early childhood development, 24-month-old immunizations, and quality childcare.

This VISTA project will work with the Kindergarten Readiness Manager to strengthen efforts and establish linkages between early childhood education and the K12 system. The VISTA will work closely with goal managers, network leaders, and local subject matter experts on strengthening network and community partnerships, developing engagement strategies, aligning collaborative efforts, measuring impact, and developing strategies for sustainable scaling.

Project Objectives include:

- Complete Milwaukee Succeeds and VISTA on-boarding.
- Develop enterprise-wide awareness of collaborative partnerships for early childhood physical, developmental, and kindergarten success.
- Develop the infrastructure of support for partnerships in early childhood physical, developmental, and kindergarten success.
- Measure and scale success models in early childhood partnerships, developing plans for improved implementation.

Project Objective #1 (Aug 2020)

Complete Milwaukee Succeeds and VISTA on-boarding.

Member Activities:

- Complete Milwaukee Succeeds VISTA onboarding plan.
- Devise a plan to connect and network with key stakeholders.
- Attending goal area and enterprise-wide meetings, and one-on-one meetings focused on onboarding processes.
- Develop an in-depth work plan with the assigned supervisor.
- Complete Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) onboarding meetings with department heads in order to better understand the mission, its place in the community and understand how community foundations operate.

Project Objective #2 (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021)

Develop enterprise-wide awareness of collaborative partnerships for early childhood physical, developmental, and kindergarten success.

Member Activities:

- Develop a needs assessment that identifies opportunities for improving actions for supporting families.
- Execute a plan to better prioritize the needs of families of young children within our networks.
- Improve engagement with early childhood success experts by surveying the partners for unknowns and utilizing the experts to bridge the gap of information.
- Identify, coordinate, and secure opportunities to integrate strategies between early childhood education and kindergarten entrance.
- Analyze the effectiveness of strategies and include adjustments to the strategies as needed.

Project Objective #3 (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021)

Develop the infrastructure of support for partnerships in early childhood physical, developmental, and kindergarten success.

Member Activities:

- Improve outreach efforts with Community Engagement Coordinator through marketing and communication, including the development of communication material.
- Build sustainable gains of partner work by developing and testing process models to scale existing efforts.
- Develop a plan that includes strategies that enhance opportunities for community members and partners to better communicate needs, improving the relationship as a whole.

Project Objective #4 (Sept 2020 – Aug 2021)

Measure and scale success models in early childhood partnerships, developing plans for improved implementation.

- Member Activity: Develop and implement a plan to monitor and analyze feedback from community partners to enhance continuous improvement efforts.
- Member Activity: Spearhead quarterly update meetings and develop a plan to ensure that members are communicating on a regular basis and learning about how they can stay involved.
- Member Activity: In the 3rd quarter of the service year develop an analysis of findings and recommendations for presentation to key stakeholders.



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Terms: Permits working at another job during off hours, Permits attendance at school during off hours, Car recommended

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