**Preparing for the Transition to Kindergarten**

**PK Parent Information Session at PK Sites**

**Goals:**

* **Provide parents with information on importance of school-readiness skills (academic, social and self-management)**
* **Provide parents with materials and resources which promote school-readiness skills at home**
* **Establish positive connection between parents of incoming kindergarten students and the public school**
* **Encourage early registration to kindergarten**
* **Strengthen ties between pre-kinder providers and the public school—promote academic focus in PK**

**Session Agenda:**

1. Introduction
   1. Purpose of the session
   2. Identifying your family’s public school
   3. Five years old on August 31st
   4. Kindergarten Registration dates, windows
   5. Kinder Orientations at individual schools
   6. We will provide Q&A at the end of our talk
2. Preparing Your Child For Kindergarten
   1. Handout: *Widely Held Expectations*
   2. Handout: *What Parents Can Do to Prepare Children for Public School*
   3. Handouts:
      1. *The Right Kind of Early Praise*
      2. *Promoting Willpower*
      3. *Web-based resources*
3. A Typical Day in Kindergarten
   1. What do students do, and what social/emotional skills are needed to function successfully in this environment
      1. Handout sample schedule
      2. Arrival and routines
      3. Stamina for academic success
      4. Social interactions, problem solving skills, deferred gratification
4. Questions and Answers