

Items in blue text are considered priorities and areas where the community is encouraged to begin.

School Readiness

- 1) Increase access to *affordable* early childhood experiences (ages 0-5)
 - a. Provide preschool scholarships that are funded by the community
 - b. Increase awareness about available preschool spaces
- 2) Enhance *quality* of early childhood experiences (ages 0-5)
 - a. Ensure that b-5 providers are familiar with the components of the CT Preschool Framework and expectations for Kindergarten entrance. (includes preschools, daycare centers, home daycares, kith & kin)
 - b. Provide professional development for caregivers of infants and toddlers
- 3) Expand Kindergarten transition processes
 - a. Establish ongoing process for communication and sharing between preschool staff and kindergarten staff
 - b. Continue and expand opportunities for families to visit kindergarten school
 - c. Establish ongoing process for communication and sharing between kindergartens and elementary school staff.

Early School Success

- 1) Increase Family Literacy
 - a. Continue & expand reading and writing programs for children and parents
 - b. Offer support to parents attending GED and ESL classes
 - c. Make personal visits available to all families to guide age appropriate literacy activities
- 2) Continue to incorporate best educational practices in learning environments
 - a. Promote and share best teaching practices community-wide Pre-K through elementary
 - b. Expand full-day Kindergarten opportunities
- 3) Engage Windsor Community as an active partner in school success
 - a. Expand mentoring programs in kindergarten and elementary schools
 - b. Strengthen school / family / community partnerships
 - c. Develop community sponsorship of early childhood programs

Emotional Wellbeing & Safety

- 1) Promote effective & meaningful relationships between children & adults
 - a. Expand mentoring and adopt-a-grandparent programs
 - b. Increase after school activities with adult role models
 - c. Nurture families through positive skill training and support
- 2) Strengthen the support system for families with behavioral health needs
 - a. Increase number of providers available
 - b. Provide community coordination for early intervention
- 3) Increase family supports
 - a. Establish an outreach process that connects families to early childhood resources (through neighborhoods, churches, civic organizations, real estate agents, community policing)
 - b. Increase family and community events that reflect Windsor's cultural diversity
 - c. Develop information centers/hubs
 - d. Implement stress reduction program

Physical Health

- 1) Increase health services available to Windsor families
 - a. Improve access to health services (screening, dental checks, etc.)
 - b. Provide family visitation services to identify needs & link families to services
 - c. Facilitate timely access to early screening for developmental needs
- 2) Improve family health & wellness
 - a. Connect families with health information in new ways (e.g. town health help line)
 - b. Connect pediatricians to local fitness, recreation and nutritional resources for young children.
 - c. Implement an incentive program for families who are working to make healthy lifestyle changes
- 3) Improve town infrastructure to promote health and fitness
 - a. Increase safe routes to school and sidewalks in town
 - b. Create bike paths
 - c. Enhance safe recreational areas
- 4) Provide early care and intervention for expectant mothers and parents with newborns
 - a. provide education on healthy pregnancy and healthy infants through personal visits
 - b. Conduct focus group (w/physicians and/or new moms) to better understand needs in Windsor
 - c. Develop public service announcements and provide education around risky behaviors affecting pregnancy outcomes.