



## KCReady4s Parent Meeting Talking Points (2019-2020) Skill Development Review

- KCReady4s wants to share the importance of the hard work and learning that happens in the high quality pre-K programs throughout our county, such as here at \_\_\_\_\_! Additionally, funders of pre-K also want to be certain that the dollars they spend to provide these services are indeed *well spent*. To do this, we need **information** to *share the story of the impact* a high quality preschool experience has on our community's young learners. This effort now has several years (8) of data with outstanding results.
- With your permission, your child will be participating in the Skill Development Review at the beginning of their preschool year (sometime between mid-October through mid-November). (If parents ask, we use the Peabody Picture Vocabulary tool and the Woodcock Johnson pre-Reading and Math tool. *Both are short and fun...* children are typically very interested in "getting their turn.") As a pre-K parent, you will be provided with a brief summary of your child's Pre-K results... this information is typically available in January.
- Then, this same group of children (your child) will be participate in the Skill Development Review again in the fall of their Kindergarten year (*or*, some children may be enrolled in Young 5s or a second year of pre-K... we will still follow them). This year we are following up on 200 kindergarten-aged children throughout Kalamazoo County and beyond (some have moved to Allegan, Mattawan, etc.)!
- **Individual child results of the Skill Development Review are confidential.** Your child's name is removed before the information is reviewed. Information on individual children and/or individual programs is *never* reported. Dr. Tim Bartik, Senior Economist for the Upjohn Institute, organizes and reports on the combined information (includes all children).
- To help us understand the information, you may be asked to complete a form that helps us collect basic information about your family. We call this a demographic form. Please complete as much of the form as you feel comfortable... the more data you are able to complete, the better we will understand our impact in supporting high quality pre-K.