



Dear Carroll County Educator,

The Carroll County United Childhood Readiness and Success Team is reaching out to all of the schools across Carroll County. The team was formed because it is recognized that a young person's success in education is the critical foundation for future success in adulthood; and that success in education is best achieved when young people are supported in all areas of their lives.

The team is initially focusing on working with the community to increase the number of children who come to school 'ready' for Kindergarten so that more children are successful in the early grades. In order to meet that goal, the team needs to have a clear understanding of what 'Kindergarten readiness' looks like now. Your input will help us to better understand the needs of children across the county and will help to guide our next steps forward.

The information gathered will be shared back with the schools. We greatly appreciate your assistance and would welcome your ongoing input. If you have any questions, please call 323-8139.

Sincerely,
Childhood Readiness and Success Team
Carroll County United
www.CarrollCountyUnited.org

Please return this questionnaire to the team member who gave it to you or to Carroll County United, % Carroll County Collaborative, 448A White Mountain Highway, Tamworth, NH 03886. If you have any questions, please call 323-8139.

Name of School: _____ Person completing questionnaire: _____

Entering Kindergarten:

1. Does your school have a definition of being ready for Kindergarten? Yes No
If yes, what is the definition?

2. What assessment tools (formal or informal) is your school currently using to assess incoming Kindergarteners?
 - a. How is this information currently used?
(Placement, plan instruction for individual child, plan instruction for student groups, etc.)

 - b. Is the information gathered compiled by class? school? district?
Other: _____

 - c. From this information -
 - What percent of kids are ready for Kindergarten? _____%
 - What percent of kids have gaps in readiness (skills still emerging)? _____%
 - What are the greatest need(s) of the Kindergarteners that are not ready?

3. Percentage of students who come to school with pre-school experience _____%,
home-schooling experience _____%, no pre-Kindergarten experience at all _____%?

4. What does your school or community currently do to help prepare children for Kindergarten? (Ex: Distribute information at Kindergarten registration days, etc.)

5. What other community-based organizations are you aware of that are helping to prepare children for Kindergarten in your community? (Ex: pre-schools, PTA, library, playgroups, in-home providers, etc.)
6. What can the community do to make the most difference in helping children come to school ready to learn?

Kindergarten thru sixth grade

7. Number of children attending first grade who haven't attended Kindergarten? _____
8. What assessment tools (formal or informal) is your school currently using to assess children's reading level/progress in grades K-3? (Please note the grade level(s) each tool is used in.
9. a) What programs do you offer that utilize volunteers (Business, community or parent volunteers)?

b) Which of these programs work best to help students be successful? Please explain:
10. a) What programs or tools is your school currently using to help youth set goals?

b) Which of these programs/tools have worked best to help students be successful?
11. Other comments or information that you think the team should know:

**Thank you for your time completing this questionnaire. Your responses are helpful.
We are grateful for your dedication to our youth!**

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