

## MISSION:

Children birth to 5 years old possess the foundation that will enable personal and school success. They will live in strong family units that are supported, strengthened and empowered within their communities.

## GOALS:

1. To explore our communities' early childhood services, programs, resources, strengths and needs.
2. To promote positive, strong communication and collaboration among community members, parents, child care providers, schools, First Steps and state policy makers.
3. To promote the highest quality early childhood services in our communities.

## About Us

The Rural KIPDA Community Early Childhood Council has been organized since 2000 with many of the original members still volunteering and collaborating. We are supported annually by the KIDS NOW initiative through funding. We continue to support and collaborate within the early childhood community to bring quality care and education to young children.

We welcome guests and partners to our mission. Visit our website our website, call or e-mail us to find out how you can get involved in positive change for our community's future.

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## What is a Community Early Childhood Council (CECC)?

CECC's were created as part of the Governor Paul E. Patton's Early Childhood Initiative in 2000. KIDS NOW House Bill 706 is the enabling legislation for the initiative.

### Why have a CECC?

The creation of the CECC's provides a vehicle to develop that important collaboration at the local level. It provides additional resources to meet the early childhood needs of the community.

### Your CECC Partners?

Bellarmino University, Churches, Metro United Way, HANDS, Public Health Department, Seven Counties Mental Health, Family Resource Centers, Rotary Club, KEIS-First Steps, Community Coordinated Child Care, Healthy Start in Child Care, Child Care Aware, Local Judges, Family Resource Centers, Public Preschool, Head Start, Cooperative Extension, Private Child Care programs.

## OUR ACTIVITIES



Our 3 core activities are designed based upon **adult/child interaction** research and best practice ideas of which prepare children for school. Those best practices have been broken down into 5 easy methods that every parent and caregiver can do to help children be prepared for school and successful in life.

### 1. PARENT AND CAREGIVER ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

These trainings will be presented to community members, early childhood professionals, parents and caregivers. These trainings surround the 5 best practices that increase a child's success in school and life.

### 2. COMMUNITY TRAININGS

The purpose of these presentations will be to inform the community through a 15-30 minute presentation during regular scheduled meetings at non-profit clubs, business board meeting, PTA etc. that as a community we all have a part in keeping our future local economy thriving simply by investing in the young children. Volunteer council members will facilitate these trainings throughout the year as they are scheduled.

### 3. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

This piece of the project will use multi-media to reach the entire community. Print flyers, commercial spots at movie theatres, newspaper publications and radio spots to point out the 5 simple techniques to engage a child and increase their chances of school and life success.

