

CHILDREN'S READINESS FOR KINDERGARTEN (RFK)
DIRECT & INDIRECT EFFECTS
 From a Policy Perspective

Wise Use of Electronic Media Resources and Activities for Children & Families Parent Involvement in Care & Education Settings

Family Access to Basic Resources Family Support & Education Services High Quality Early Childhood Care and Education System

CODES
 BOXES = Major domain, with key aspects that affect RFK directly
 BRACKETS = Key factors that affect major domains, and RFK indirectly
Many factors are linked to each other across domains as well.

Early Prenatal Care
 Parental Access to Alcohol & Drug Abuse Treatment
 Access to Developmental Screening/Early Evaluation
 Access to Health, Dental, Vision, Other Needed Care
 Reduced Teen Pregnancy & Parenting
 Family Access to Basic Resources

CHILD HEALTH
 Health Status at Birth
 Balanced Nutrition
 Healthful Development
 Help with Special Health Needs

EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS
 (Home and Early Care/Education)
 Parent as Child's Primary Teacher
 Age-Appropriate Stimulation of Physical, Cognitive, Language & Social Skills
 Experiences with Peers
 Quality Care & Education Experiences
 Early Childhood Special Education

Children Ready for Kindergarten
 (RFK)

FAMILY FUNCTIONING
 Nurturing/Responsive Parenting Strategies
 Parent as Child's Primary Teacher
 Family Marital & Economic Stability
 No Child Maltreatment
 No Family Violence

COMMUNITIES
 Low Exposure to Violence & Fear
 Adequate & Affordable Housing
 Local resources: Child Care & Educ. Libraries, Parks, Family Resource Ctrs.
 Ready Schools & Kindergartens
 Social Climate: Neighborhood Networks, Shared Supervision, Civility
 Positive Role Models for Children

Community – Building Programs
 Reduced Crime/Delinquency
 Youth Engagement in School & Community
 Coordinated Access to Needed Family Services
 Primary Prevention Programs for Children and Families
 Community – School Integration
 Family Friendly Employers

Parental Access to Alcohol & Drug Abuse Treatment Family Support & Education Family Access to Basic Resources
 Reduced Teen Parenting Access to Health & Mental Health Care Social Support for Parent/s – Extended Families Reduced Parental Work Demands