

## How Can a Local Prekindergarten Program be Funded?

### Abstract

Funding is perhaps the greatest challenge of establishing a local prekindergarten program. The lack of a state-funded system means there is no road map that supports school corporations in identifying, evaluating, and finding flexible and sustained funding for their program. Prekindergarten has not been the responsibility of superintendents or elementary school administrators who are unlikely to have backgrounds or practical experiences in prekindergarten education. This adds to the difficulty of seeking funds.

The content of the paper will include:

- strategies for seeking funds for early learning;
- potential funding sources, as well as information on blending and braiding funds from multiple sources; and
- **examples of ways that Indiana school corporations are currently funding** their programs using Title 1, Even Start, Head Start, parent fees, and grants from community organizations.

Please note that this paper is still in development. We expect to publish it by October 9, 2009. In order to provide an array of examples to Indiana school corporations, ***we would like to know how your program is funded.*** I will write the description incorporating your information. If you have any comments or requests related to this content, it would be very helpful to hear it.

The one-page examples of how local programs are being funded will have the following information:

- Background information about the program
- Purpose and Outcomes
- Brief Description of the Funds Used and What It Provides
- Contact and Links to Documents for the Pre-K example
- Resources related to the Funding Source

If you would like to contribute your example, contact me at [afcros@indiana.edu](mailto:afcros@indiana.edu) or call (812) 855-6508.

Thanks for your interest and help.

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