



Improving School Readiness Tips for Schools

- ❖ Hold **open houses** at convenient times for families to bring their young children to visit your school and meet the principal and some of the teachers.
- ❖ **Welcome families and children to your school at kindergarten registration.** Offer children and families a tour of kindergarten classrooms and an opportunity to meet the kindergarten teachers.
- ❖ Develop **partnerships with community-based early learning programs** (i.e., child care programs, Head Start programs, and preschools) and share resources. Ask how early learning programs can share helpful information about children as they enter your school.
- ❖ **Invite early learning programs** to bring preschool-age children on a field trip to your school.
- ❖ Try to find all children in your community who are ages 3, 4, and 5 and complete **developmental screenings**. Make sure families receive referrals for further evaluation or services. Approximately 15% of children experience developmental delays. [Early Intervention](#) and [Preschool Special Education](#) can help children catch up so they are not behind when they start school.
- ❖ Work with community-based early learning programs to **provide preschool special education services within classrooms that serve typically developing children.**
- ❖ Help families find **high-quality child care and preschool options** where children can develop consistent, positive relationships and build language and early literacy skills. Visit www.brightstars.org to find high-quality child care and preschool options.
- ❖ **Advocate for funding** to support high-quality, affordable early learning programs in your community and state.

