

Preschool Expansion Grant: Cape Cod Collaborative, Two-District Proposal

Executive Summary

The Cape Cod Collaborative has extensively worked with both public schools and private centers across Cape Cod and the Islands. For the last two years, the Collaborative, under the direction of Dr. Joe Gilbert, has initiated a Cape Cod Early Childhood Network through the implementation of the 808 Challenger Grant that was received April 2014. During the ensuing twenty-one months, the Collaborative, with the public school districts, private child care providers, and the Early Learning Network, has built a vibrant cooperative of individuals focused on the needs of preschool children across all sectors of the Cape and Islands. Building on the commitment and cooperation of the now-establish Early Childhood Network, the Cape Cod Collaborative is submitting this proposal for a two-district plan for preschool expansion. The two districts are Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District and the Monomoy Regional School District. Also, included in this proposal are more than two private preschool providers from each of the regions, representing the four towns and building alignment across sectors.

Members of the planning team have consulted with experienced strategic planners within and beyond their own school districts and agencies. Specifically, Chris Martes, Strategies for Children, has met with Jan Rotella and Joe Gilbert, proposed project manager and administrator, respectively. He has offered his assistance throughout the planning process. A proposal planning team, public school and private child care agencies' representatives in the four towns that compose the Dennis-Yarmouth and Monomoy Regional School Districts, has collaborated on this proposal. The Strategic Planning Committee will be composed of the planning team and additional members as needed. All are educators and care providers who have extensive experience in early childhood education, both as teachers and administrators. The Strategic Planning Committee will be convened immediately upon notification of receipt of the grant. The first meeting is anticipated to be held during the week of January 4th, 2016.