

## SCHOOL READINESS EFFORTS

One of the primary purposes of Head Start is to prepare children for future educational success. Our school readiness goals and accomplishments are summarized below.

We recognize that educational success is linked to quality teaching. Therefore, we have implemented a mentor-coach process to assure that each staff member who has direct contact with children and families receives regular, individualized assistance that strengthens their instructional and relationship-building skills.

Teachers use Coaching to Fidelity results, CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) assessments, and My Teaching Strategies individual child assessment data to ensure developmental appropriateness of the environment, activities and schedules. Our overall goal is to understand each child's unique learning needs and make sure that every child gains the skills, knowledge and habits that will help them be successful in school and life.

To support families in making the transition from Head Start to kindergarten, we work with the Anchorage School District to host a kindergarten information fair. This event provides relevant information about the transition process and links families with resources available within in the Anchorage School District. Through this event and through one on one home visiting we provide families with information on topics such as home schools, the registration process, documentation needed to enroll a child, summer transition activities families can do at home to prepare their child, and more.

### **Child Assessment Outcomes**

Only KCI children eligible for kindergarten in August 2018 are included in the following table. Extensive research supports the view that these indicators are predictive of children's future school success. They also closely align with Alaska's Early Learning Guidelines. The following chart shows the children's growth between fall 2018 and spring 2019.

Kids' Corps, Inc.  
4 Year olds meeting Widely Held Expectations, Fall 2018 / Spring 2019  
Total = 190 Children

