



First Class
Alabama's Voluntary
Pre-K Program

Grantee Meeting

July, 2012

Changes at OSR

- ▶ **Strategic Planning**
 - Feedback from Directors
 - Feedback from Stakeholders
 - What we learned
 - ▶ **Focusing our Efforts**
 - Participation
 - Quality
 - Performance Management
 - Stakeholder Support and Involvement
 - ▶ **Partnerships**
 - ▶ **Preparing for Growth**
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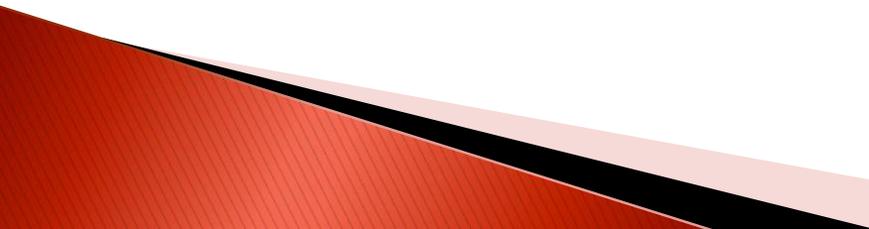
Preparing for Growth

- ▶ Grant Structure Changes
 - Excellence Grants: \$45,000
 - Tiered Grants
 - Will include “Fully Funded” and “Slots”
 - This is the new structure.
 - All grants will be in one of 5 tiers

NEW AND FUTURE GRANTS

| Type Grant | Criteria | Per Classroom | Per Child |
|------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Fee based | No income criteria | \$45,000.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| Tier 1 | <50% free/reduced | \$80,100.00 | \$4,450.00 |
| Tier 2 | 51%-60% free/reduced | \$82,800.00 | \$4,600.00 |
| Tier 3 | 61%-75% free/reduced | \$85,500.00 | \$4,750.00 |
| Tier 4 | 76-90% free/reduced | \$88,200.00 | \$4,900.00 |
| Tier 5 | 91-100% free/reduced | \$92,700.00 | \$5,150.00 |

Changes in Technical Assistance

- ▶ More than 1 set of eyes on each site.
 - ▶ Technical Assistants will be focusing on coaching in 3 areas
 - Teacher/ Student Interaction
 - Read Alouds
 - Transitions
 - ▶ We are working on the protocols, but you will most likely have 1 Technical Assistant conducting evaluation and 1 Technical Assistant coaching
 - ▶ You will also most likely have a management team member working with you on budgets and other administrative issues.
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Program Update

- ▶ 217 Sites, 3,900 children
 - 115 Public schools
 - 53 Private childcare or private school
 - 39 Head Start classrooms
 - 5 faith based
 - 5 includes military, college/ university, community
- ▶ State investment of \$17.8 million leverages an additional match of \$8.3 million in federal, local and private funds
- ▶ In 63 of 67 counties

How are we doing?

- ▶ Received highest possible quality rating from National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) for past 6 years
- ▶ Assessments show that children show significant gains in receptive language and early literacy skills
 - PPVT gains of 7.4 percentage points. 4 percentage points is considered successful
 - Average posttest score on PPVT for First Class students was 99.26. US Department of Education finds that score of 85 is acceptable

Guidelines

- ▶ Significant Changes
 - Health forms
 - Parent Enrichment
 - TANF → Free Reduced Lunch
 - How forms are submitted
 - Focus on data needed
 - Laser focus on quality
 - Budgets and fiscal accountability

Guidelines

- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Program Administration
- ▶ The Pre-K Classroom
- ▶ The Pre-K Child and Family
- ▶ The Pre-K Teaching Team
- ▶ OSR Support
- ▶ Appendix in order of introduction in Guidelines
- ▶ Appendix of forms sorted by
 - Director
 - Teacher
 - Parent/ Family