

Parenting Communities

Success is measured by:



Child abuse and neglect statistics

Juvenile crime statistics

Parent report of confidence in parenting

Parent report of resilience

Strengthening Leelanau Families



Designed to provide friendly and ready access to concrete support.

Laundry Project

Baby Pantry

Family Support Team

Child Care Fund

Strengthening Leelanau Families

Laundry Project – saw 2,476 people last year

Baby Pantry -- saw 590 shoppers

Family Support Team— provided support to 40 people in the school year

Child Care Fund-- provided access to high quality child care/preschool to 23 families in the school year



Quality Enhancement Project

In 2004, we established the Quality Enhancement Project

an effort to ensure that all Leelanau children have access to enriching experiences



Quality Enhancement Project



Focuses on child care and preschool programs.

Three target populations:

- family daycare home providers
- child care centers
- unlicensed relative providers

Quality Enhancement Project

Child care/preschool center directors meet monthly for joint trainings, planning and reflective supervision.

Teachers (20 last year, 13 this year) take NMC class out here in the County

Peer review: teachers assess one another using the research based tools



Quality Enhancement Project



Family daycare home and relative aide providers receive regular home visits, during which home visitors work with them on whatever they want help on.

Based on Supporting Caregivers Through Personal Home Visits (from Parents As Teachers)

Inadequate funding... barrier to full implementation

Quality Enhancement Project

In the short term, success is measured by the peer review and other quality assessment tools.



In the long term, success is measured by the academic and social success of the children of Leelanau county.

Questions?



Five Protective Factors

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Social and emotional competence of children

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Let's think together- how can you imagine supporting the factors in your community?



let's brainstorm 9

Practice some reflection- write or work with colleagues



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Questions?



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Evaluation

Please help us evaluate our session

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opined, “[I]t’s a mark of our
compassion and decency that we
care for the elderly, whether they
are rich or poor. It’s a mark of our
foolishness that too often we fail
to invest in children. Whatever
their backgrounds, those kids’
futures are our own.
