



# LINKAGE



## Fostering Early Support and Successful Transitions in SUN Community Schools

An initiative of the SUN Service System Division of Multnomah County Human Services, Linkage supports school readiness and success by connecting Multnomah County's SUN Community Schools model to its early childhood system of supports to promote:

Coordinated, successful **transition to school**  
Supported, supportive and **engaged families**  
Regular **attendance** in the early grades  
Community engagement in **the science of early learning**

**Our Community-Wide Campaigns:**

**Kindergarten Counts** and **Multnomah Mind in the Making**

# Ready Families + Ready Communities + Ready Schools = Children Ready for School

## Kindergarten COUNTS

Kindergarten Counts brings together early childhood and school partners to promote successful kindergarten transitions in SUN Community Schools for children and their families through supporting:

- ➔ **Early kindergarten registrations** to ensure families are connected to their school and receive the support and information they need.
- ➔ **Summer opportunities** to engage parents and promote social and emotional school readiness skills and summer learning for children.
- ➔ **Good attendance in kindergarten** through data informed early outreach, parent engagement, and attendance incentives.

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## Mind in the Making

Multnomah Mind in the Making uses the Seven Essential Skills modules as a focal point for building bridges between early childhood systems and SUN Community Schools. These modules are part of Mind in the Making, a learning campaign led by Ellen Galinsky of the Families and Work Institute to disseminate information about the science of how young children learn best.

### THE SEVEN ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

- 1 Focus and Self Control
- 2 Perspective Taking
- 3 Communicating
- 4 Making Connections
- 5 Critical Thinking
- 6 Taking on Challenges
- 7 Self-Directed, Engaged Learning

## Learn More About Linkage

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