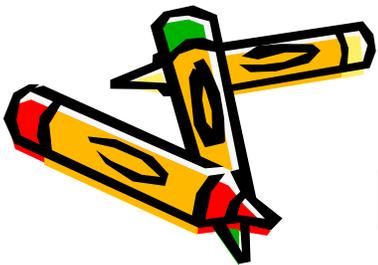
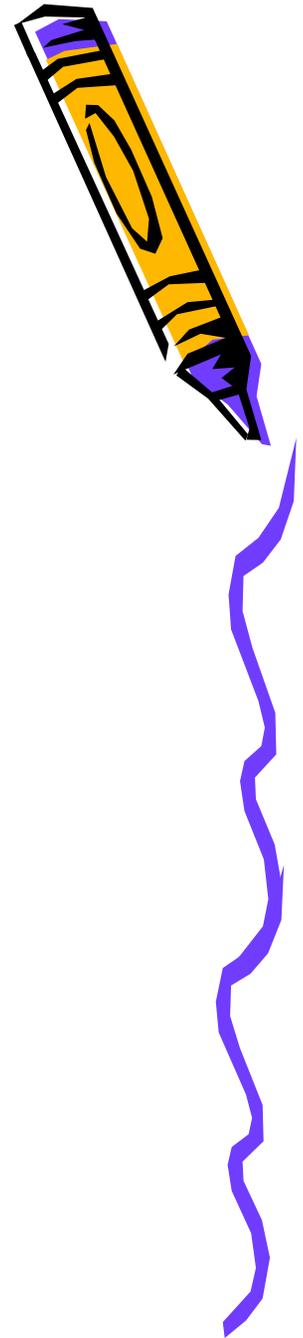


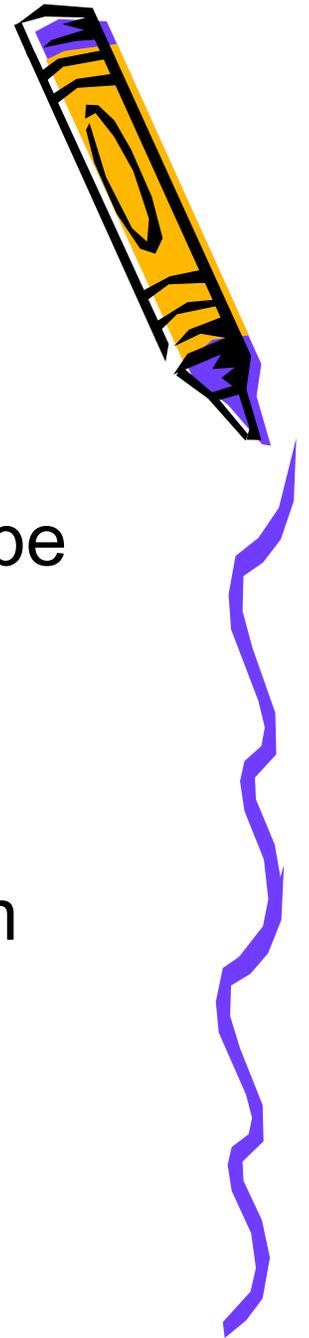
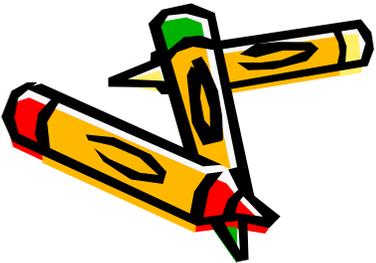
EARLY CHILDHOOD/ UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL



January 9, 2007
Department of Human Services

Preschool Population

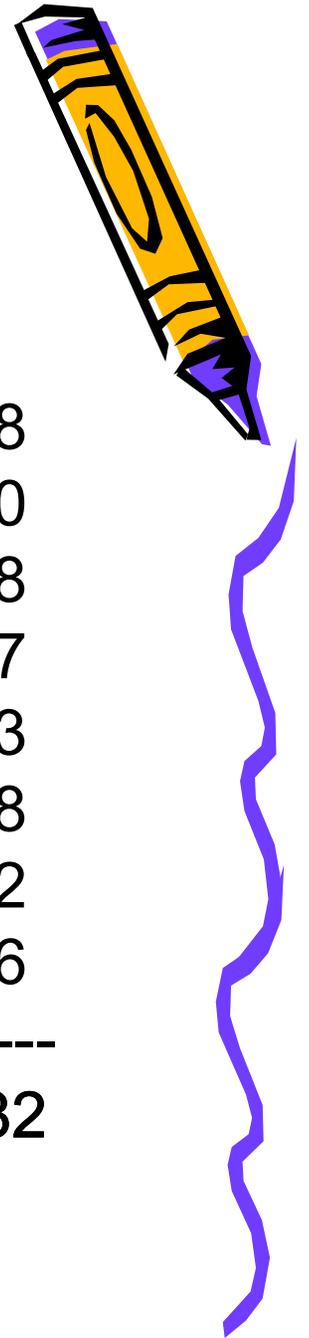
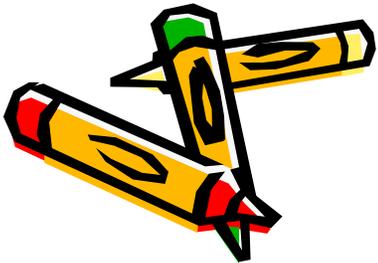
- ❑ 7,962 children under 5 live in the City
- ❑ 3,492 of those children are estimated to be at-risk
- ❑ 28% (281) of the 1018 students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2005 had not attended an organized preschool program (by report of their parents).



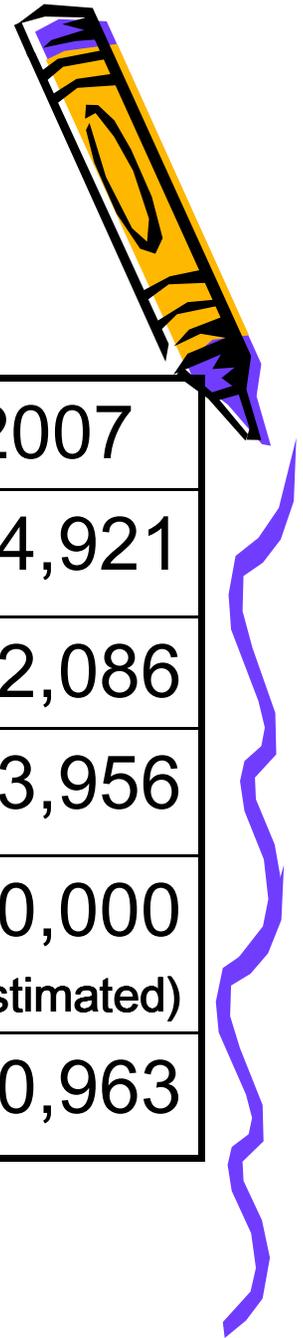
Numbers of at-risk children, birth to 5, being served

<input type="checkbox"/> Head Start	268
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Head Start	60
<input type="checkbox"/> Child and Family Network Centers	158
<input type="checkbox"/> Other private and non-profit centers	297
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulated family child care providers	413
<input type="checkbox"/> ACPS: Preschool Special Education	128
K-Prep (two weeks in August)	342
Jefferson-Houston Pre-K	16

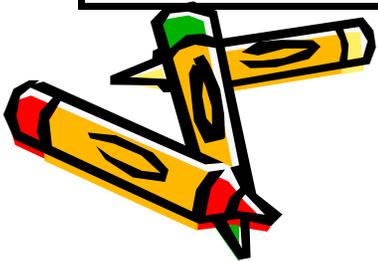
TOTAL:	1,682



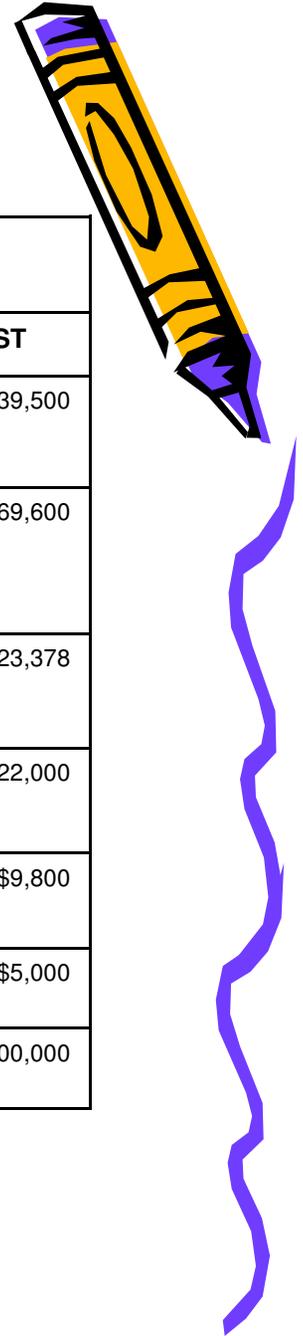
City Investment in Preschool for At-risk Children



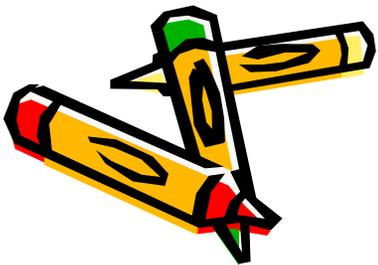
	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Fund	\$1,810,368	\$1,764,921
Federal/State	7,280,793	7,232,086
Operating Expenses	1,526,481	1,723,956
Other Non-City Dollars (Foundations, federal grants, etc)	1,477,700	1,100,000 (estimated)
Total	\$12,035,367	11,820,963



Sustainability



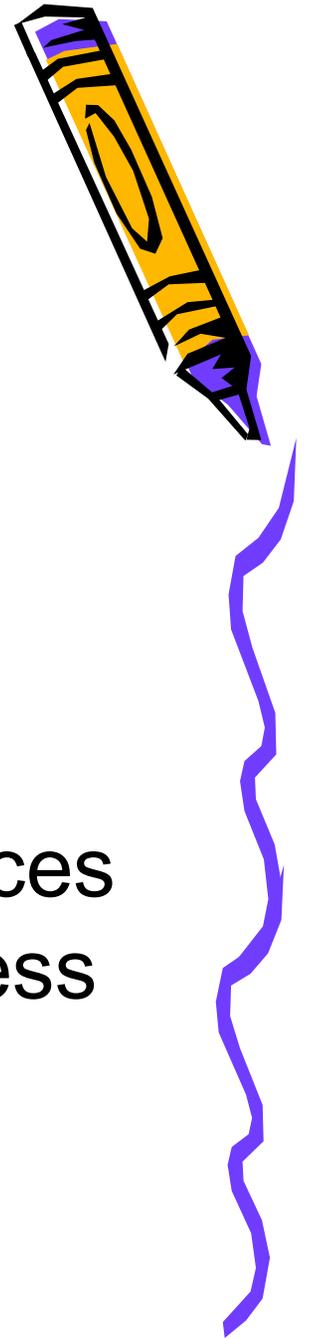
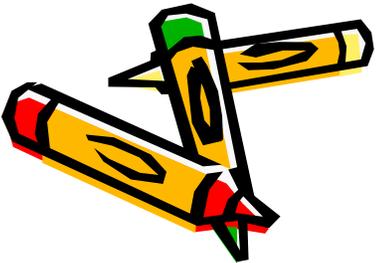
UNMET NEEDS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS		
PROGRAM	UNMET NEED	COST
Alexandria Resource Mothers (NOVUL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore 25 teen mothers to caseloads and lower caseload size from 40 to 25 which would restore the level of quality of services. Waiting list – 20 teens 	\$339,500
Healthy Families Alexandria (NVFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore HFA to pre-2004 level: 3 additional family support workers and services to 75 additional pregnant and parenting moms, including teens. Unable to serve 211 eligible families in FY06 	\$169,600
Family Support Project (Social Workers on site in participating accredited centers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost of project currently borne by centers which makes it difficult for programs to offer competitive salaries for social work or teaching staff. 	\$123,378
Child and Family Network Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore three classrooms and services to 48 children that were cut in FY 2007 Waiting list - 85 	\$322,000
SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore one parenting class Waiting list - 20 	\$9,800
COR (Child Observation Record) Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore new and refresher training for Head Start staff in the use of the COR assessment tool 	\$5,000
Child Day Care Fee System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated cost of serving the current waiting list for all of FY 2008, assuming no rate increases 	\$1,100,000



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Purpose

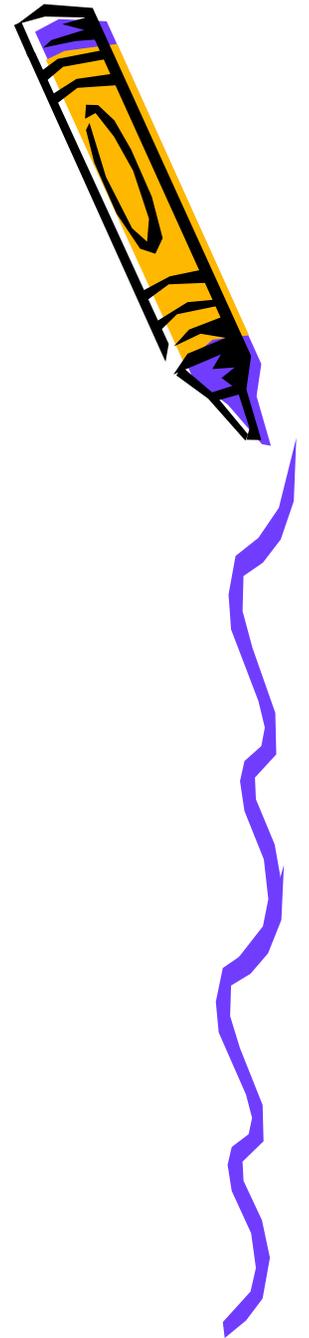
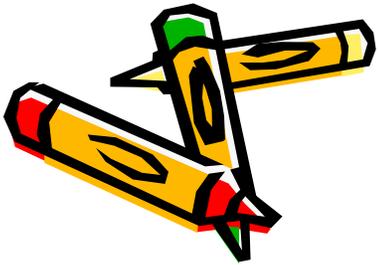
To build a comprehensive state and local network of early childhood services, designed to ensure that all children have the care and experiences necessary to prepare them for success in school



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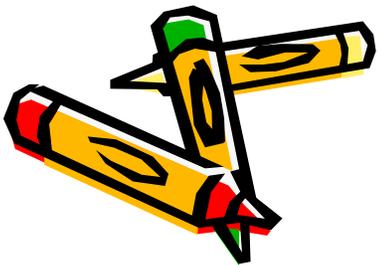
Funding for:

- Systems building
- Increasing resources for early childhood services
- Increasing public support



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Partnership Grants
Alexandria/Arlington Partnership
Goal

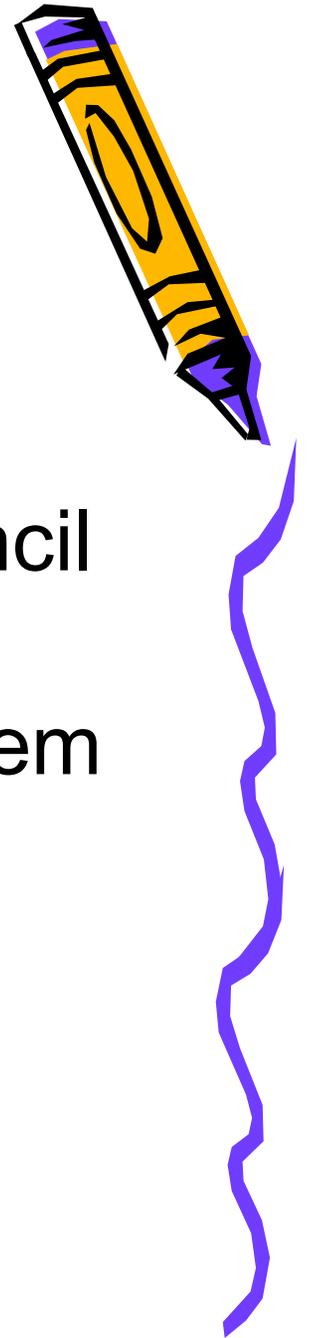
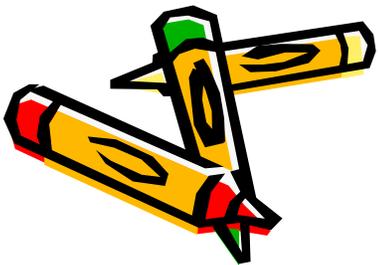
That all children enter school
ready to learn and succeed



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Activities

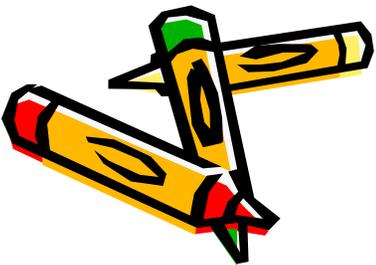
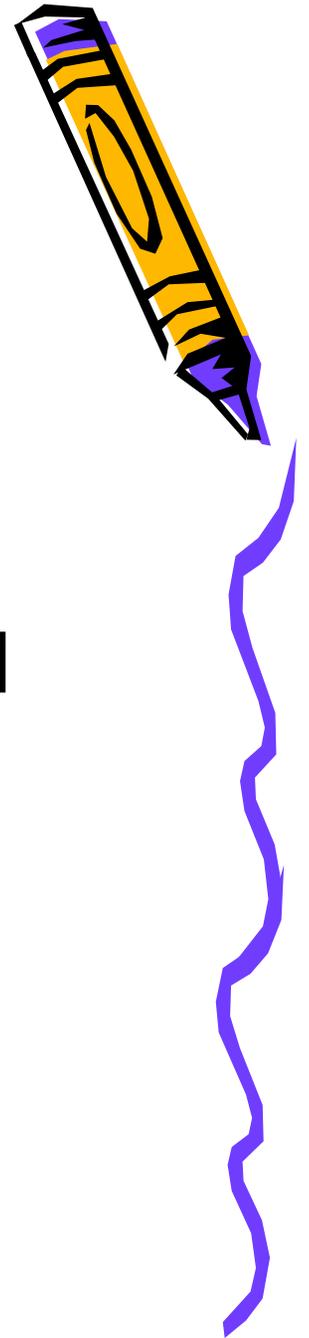
- Formalize a School Readiness Council structure
- Develop a web-based resource system for parents, service providers, community “touchpoints” and early childhood professionals



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Activities

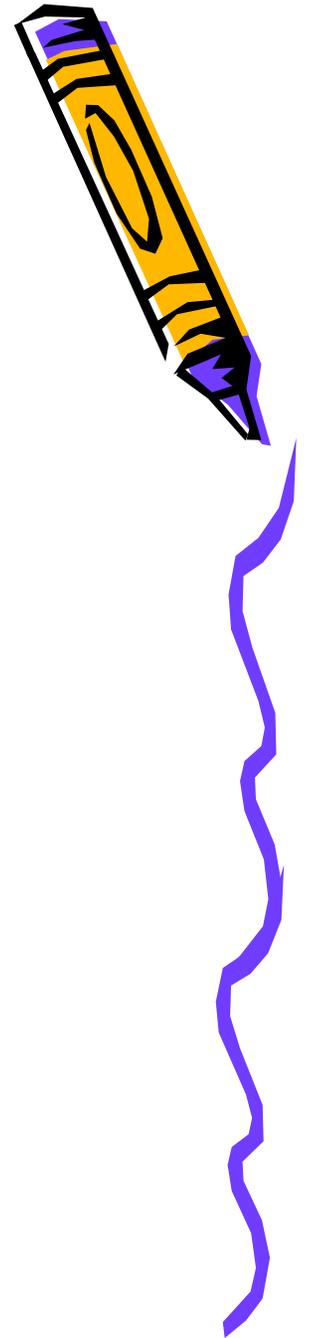
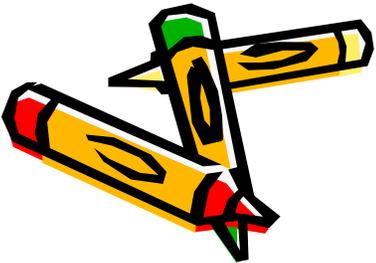
- Expand quality initiatives to include accreditation support, mentoring and career and educational supports for early childhood professionals



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Activities

- Develop and implement a school readiness marketing and public awareness campaign
- Work with Fairfax County to expand into a regional effort



Smart Beginnings Partnership Grants

Funding

- \$500,000 over two years
- \$250,000 cash match (\$62,500 each year for two years from each jurisdiction)

