

# TECCS in Action

## Case Study: Cincinnati Ohio



### Early Development Instrument (EDI) Statistics

Year of EDI collection:	2011-2012
Number of Schools:	10
Number of Teachers:	22
Number of Children:	463

### Communication of EDI Results

Price Hill, the lead agency in the Cincinnati EDI project, has used presentations to share their data with their local early childhood coalition, non-profit organizations and funders. Reports have also been distributed to interested organizations.

### Community Use of the EDI Results

#### Informing Strategic Planning

The EDI maps have helped to demonstrate the power of visual GIS mapping to tell a neighborhood's story. Price Hill has layered the EDI vulnerability maps with asthma, birth outcomes and other health related data points to demonstrate "hot spots" that need targeted interventions and then they have worked to develop and test those interventions.

#### Improving Collaboration

The EDI was also critical for pulling together the public and parochial schools. Many of the kindergarten teachers had never met before and the EDI training and follow up provided an opportunity for them to share a better understanding of each other's challenges and opportunities. It was also the first time that parochial schools had participated in the same kindergarten readiness assessment as the public schools. Both sets of school teachers appreciated an increased emphasis on activities for 0-5 year olds in the neighborhood.

#### Developing New Initiatives

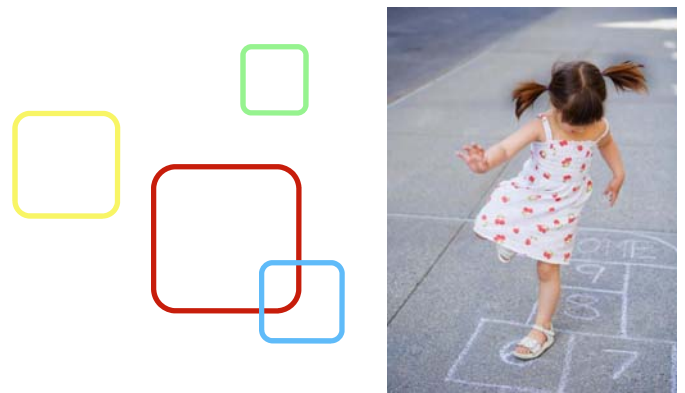
TECCS has spurred two focused initiatives. There is a collective effort across traditional silos to increase early literacy activities. Stakeholders from the worlds of home visiting, health care, child care and libraries were brought together to test different approaches. Price Hill has also been exploring developing 'reading advocates' in the neighborhoods through the use of a 'train the trainer' approach. They have identified GED students as particularly energized and vocal supporters of early literacy and two students have helped lead some of the trainings. The goal is to reach parents of all 1,700 children under 5 years in the neighborhood.

### Funders

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati

### Developing New Initiatives Cont.

A second major focus for Price Hill is on ensuring every infant starts life with a medical home and that the medical home is, in turn, well connected to key developmental assets. They have worked with three clinics serving the Price Hill area to develop a birth registry of all children from that neighborhood and to actively ensure they are returning for well child care. They have also been working with the local home visiting agency and developmental services (e.g., speech/language, hearing, physical therapy) to develop streamlined referral and information sharing processes.



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