

# Early Childhood Screening



## Data-driven partnerships increase early screening and supports to prepare students for kindergarten

### BACKGROUND

For the past three years, Generation Next has funded and facilitated collaborative efforts to improve the Early Childhood Screening (ECS) system, with an emphasis on screening at three to provide families with information and supports to improve Kindergarten readiness.

While screening teams work to support all families, not only those enrolled or intending to enroll in their schools, data on the Generation Next website show that both Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Schools have seen an increase in the percentage of Kindergartners screened at age three. In 2011, 17% of entering Kindergartners had been screened at age three; in 2017, that percentage increased to 25%.

### AGE AT SCREENING OF ENTERING KINDERGARTNERS MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS & SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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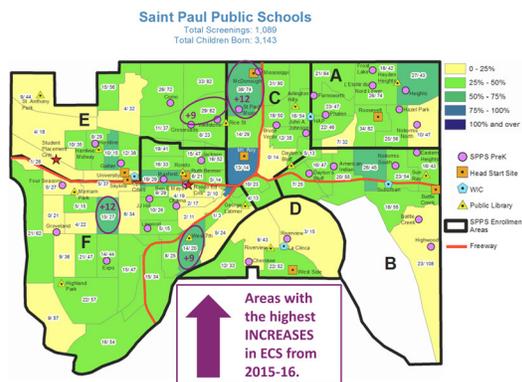
## SPOTLIGHT SAINT PAUL EARLY SCREENING

## SPOTLIGHT ABCD / SCREEN @ 3

In Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS), Generation Next has supported program evaluation using mapping techniques to compare birth records and three-year-old screening data. These maps give the district and its partners insight into which neighborhoods and communities need additional supports to engage in early childhood screening. They also show where coordinated efforts have increased the percentage of children screened at age three.

Over the past two years, with Screen @ 3 funding from Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS), along with Bloomington Public Schools, Richfield Public Schools, and Hiawatha Academies, joined together through the Assuring Better Child Health & Development (ABCD) initiative. ABCD engaged 125 partners (funders, health systems, clinics, government agencies, early learning programs and non-profit organizations) toward a shared goal of improving school readiness by increasing screening and follow-through to services by 50%, with a focus on screening three-year-olds and children of color and American Indian children.

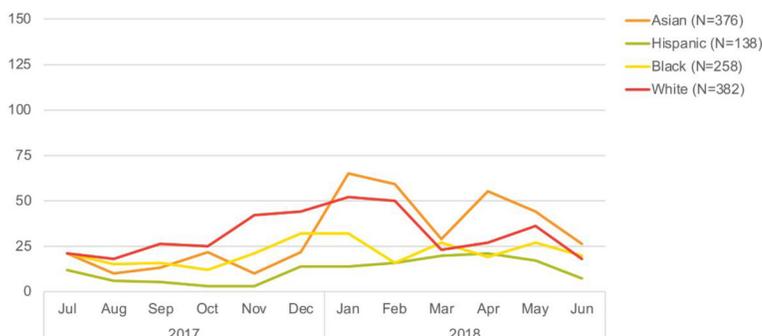
**2016-17**  
Early Childhood Screenings of 3-year-olds in Saint Paul, MN



**As of March 2018, the ABCD partners exceeded the original goal of screening 2,280 three-year-olds, with nearly 3,000 three-year-olds screened.**

SPPS has also improved data systems and uses monthly data to see and address patterns in screening of three-year-olds by race/ethnicity and to link those numbers to efforts in outreach and partnerships at specific times of year.

### Number of Screenings by Race/Ethnicity



Note: American Indian children are not included due to the small sample size (n < 10).

KEY INDICATOR	GOAL	OUTCOME
Screen @ 3	2,280	<b>2,968</b>
Overall Screened 3-5 Year-Olds	3,500	<b>7,999</b>
Children of Color and American Indian Children Screened	4,309	<b>4,815</b>
Linked to Services for Health, Education and Family Supports	800	<b>2,496</b>
Follow-Through Connection to Families After Screening	572	<b>2,049</b>
Partners Engaged	100	<b>125</b>