

Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Annual Report 2018-2019



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Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Family Engagement Initiative



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To help get children ready for kindergarten, the overarching goals of this initiative include:

- Improving quality of life by building parents' and children's knowledge and skills while addressing underlying issues.
- Educating parents on the stages of child development and age-appropriate milestones.
- Supporting and encouraging parents to actively engage in their child's learning.
- Serving as a catalyst for long-term, community-wide impact.
- Minimizing duplication of services.
- Breaking down barriers that families encounter.

Gifford and Fellsmere are the initial focus areas for this initiative. The families living within these two under-resourced communities have very diverse needs and challenges.

Through our transformative work, we have identified the following barriers that most families face:

Families in Gifford:

- Gainful employment
- Trust, encouragement, and support
- Consistency of involvement

Families in Fellsmere:

- Language (reading, writing, speaking in English)
- Transportation
- Access to basic resources

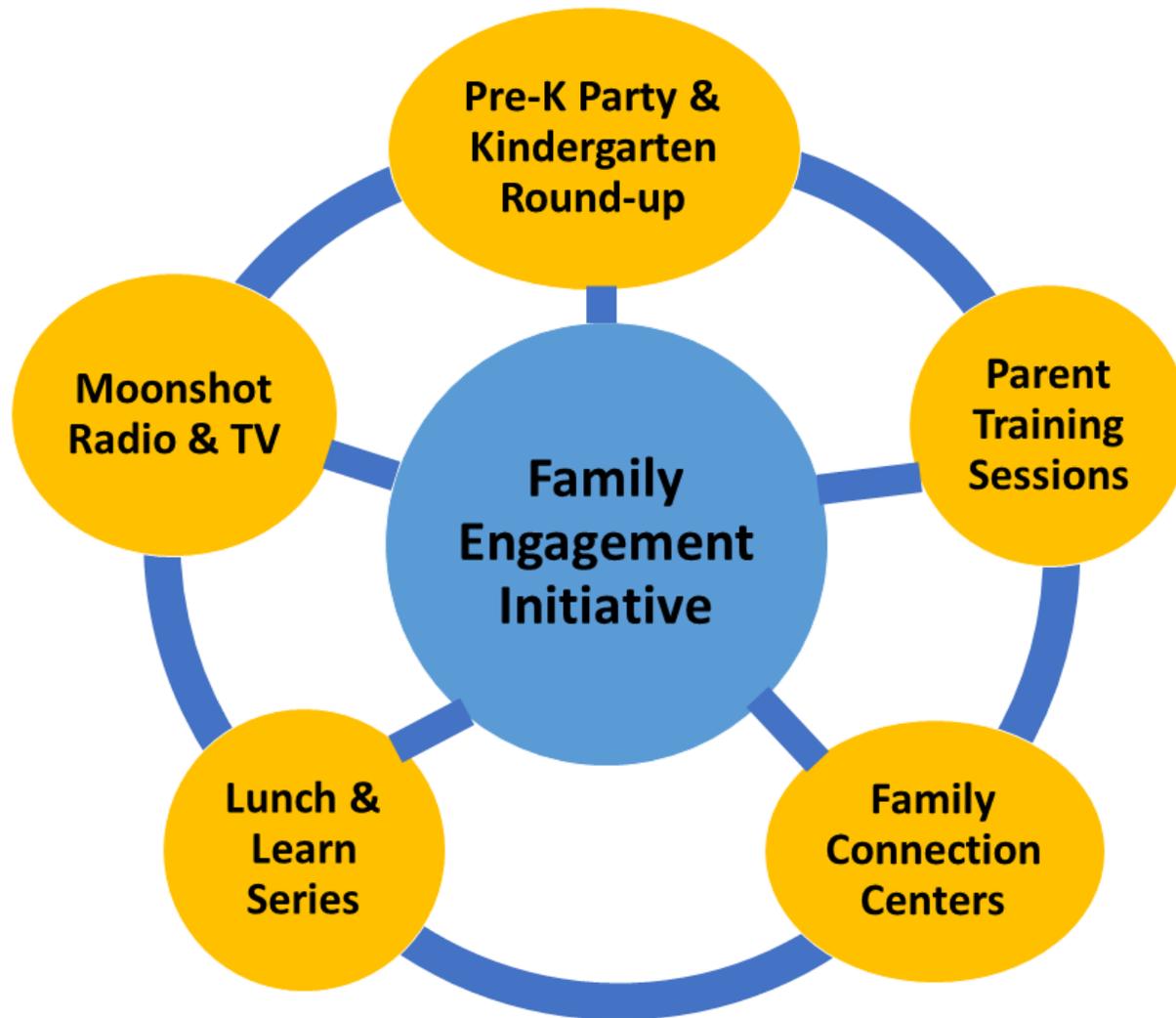




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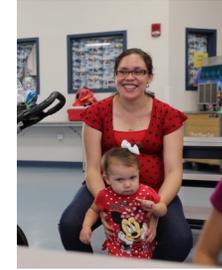
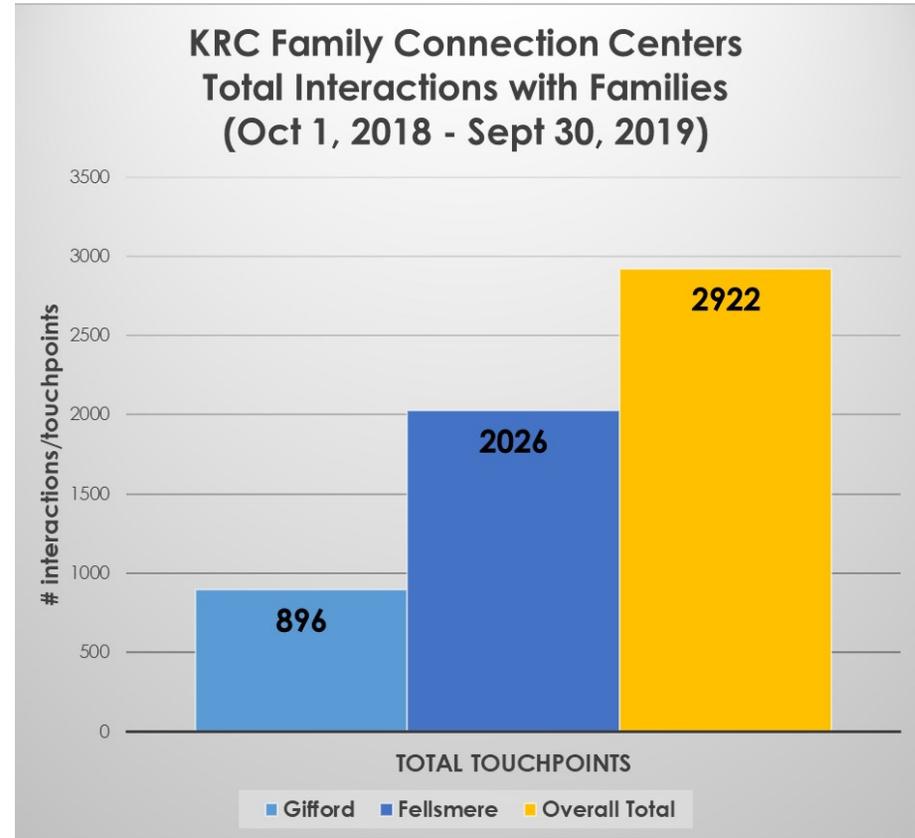
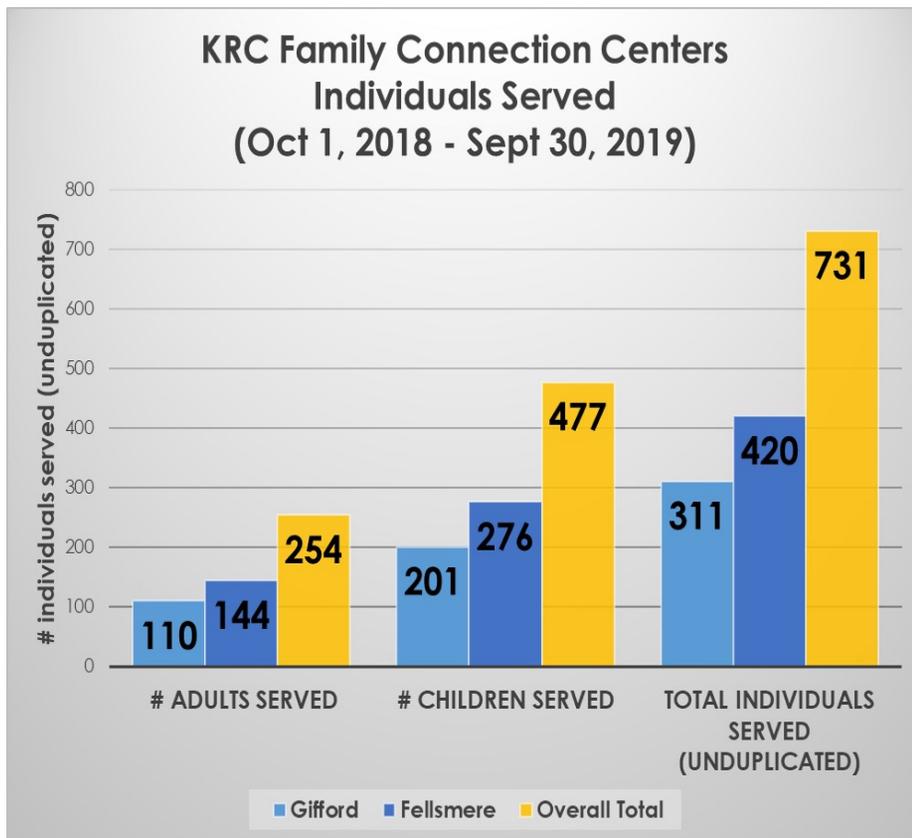




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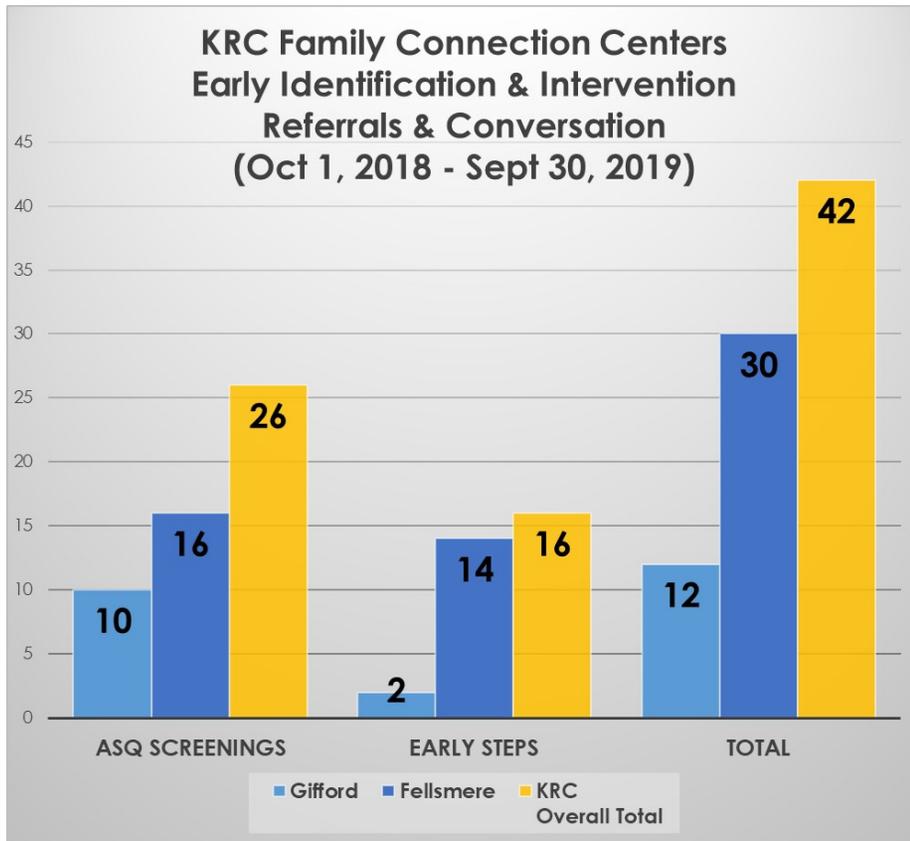




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A critical component of our parent training sessions is to conduct developmental milestones screenings on the children who attend. We use the evidence-based Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), which is available in both English and Spanish. This tool helps parents understand the stages of child development, identify areas for growth, as well as highlight opportunities for early intervention.

Due to the differences in school year schedule and the grant reporting cycle, the numbers reflected in this report include the 2018-2019 Program Year for Fellsmere and 2019-2020 Program Year for Gifford.

Additionally, the ASQ is the focus of a much larger community conversation about kindergarten readiness with the Moonshot Community Action Network (MCAN).





Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Family Connection Centers



Outcome 2: Increase access, awareness, and connections to local programs and services for 100% parent/caregiver participants with children ages birth to five.

Family Connection Centers serve families with young children ages

0 – 5 years

Goal

KRC serves as a **clearinghouse of information & connector** to social service agencies and community resources.

Clearinghouse



Connector

Connections staff **customize services and referrals based on individual analysis** of each family's needs, for example:

- Home Visits
- Modeling Child Development Activities
- Early Intervention Screenings
- Childcare Options
- Medical & Mental Health connections
- Nutrition & Food Assistance
- Pre-K & Kindergarten Registrations
- Housing & Transportation Assistance

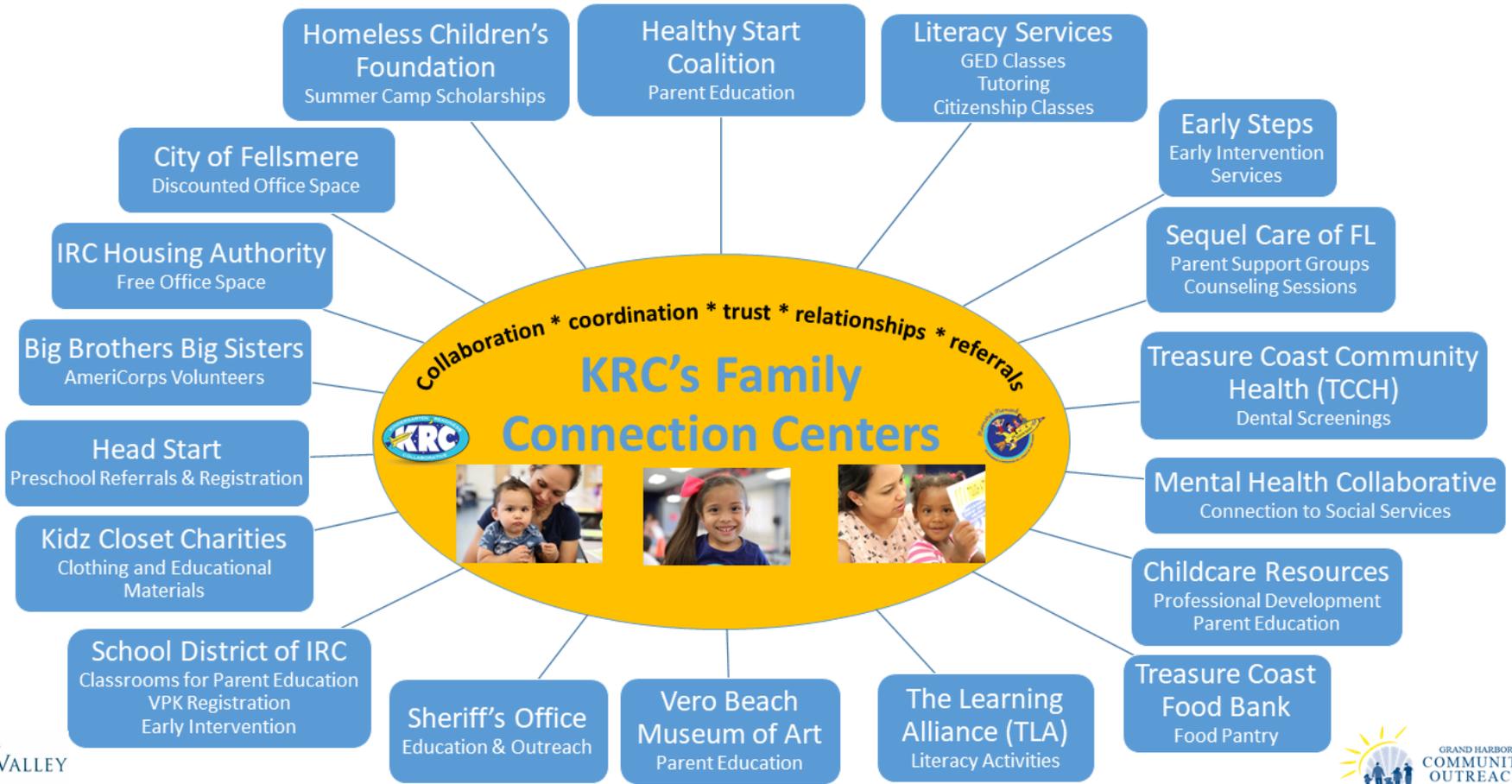
Advocate



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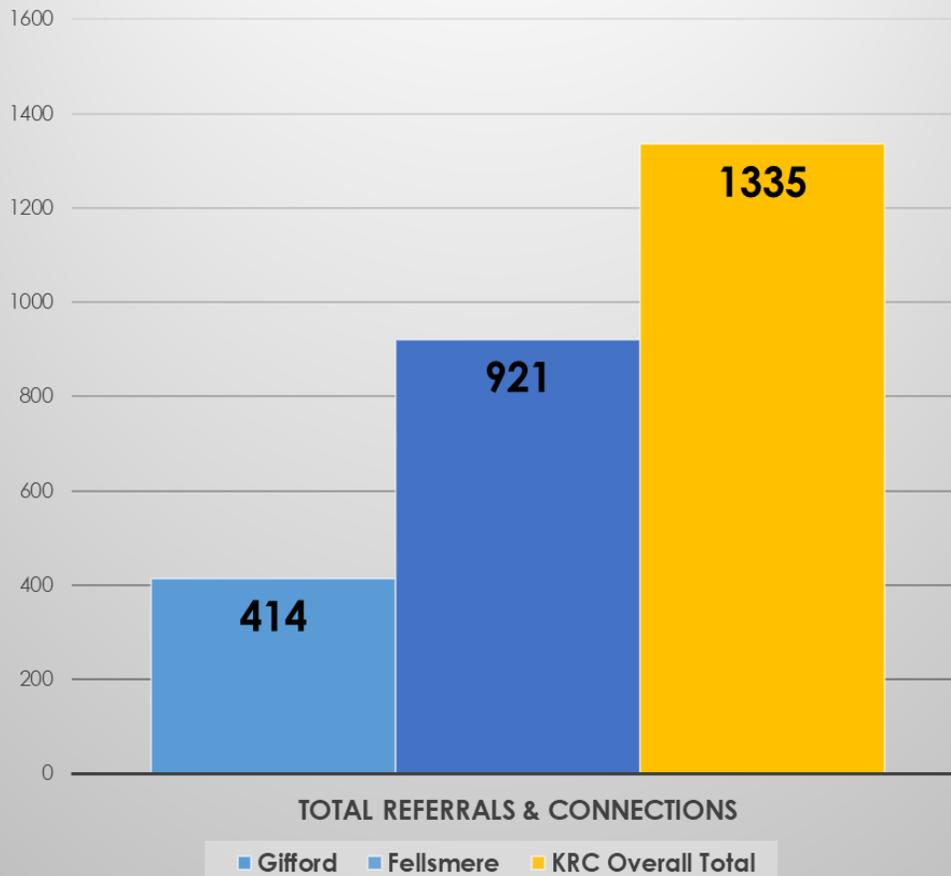


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KRC Family Connection Centers Agency Referrals & Connections (Oct 1, 2018 - Sept 30, 2019)



Our staff serve as trusted sources of information. They continually inform families about programs and services available within our community.

The numbers depicted in these charts include referrals to services, conversations about services, direct linkages to services, and follow-ups.

Often times, families need to have multiple discussions to survey their options and reflect upon their choices prior to enrolling in a program. Then, we follow-up with them to see how things went and if their needs were met.

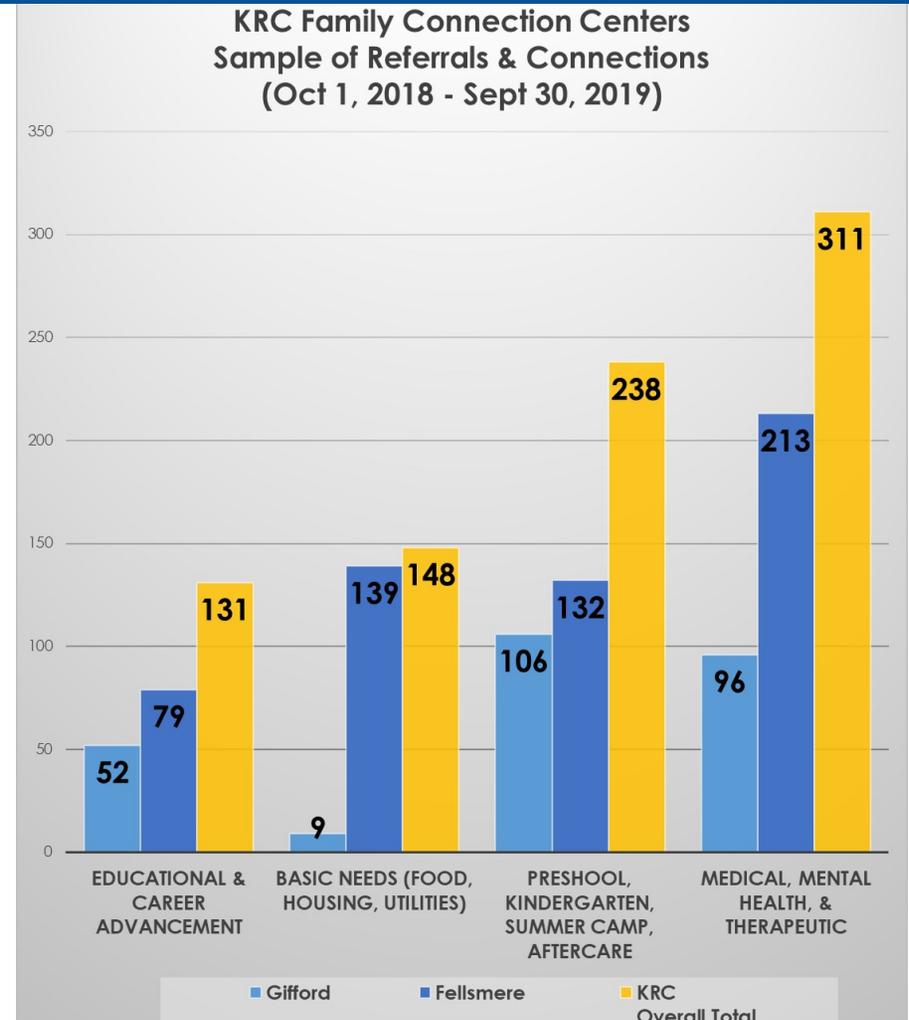
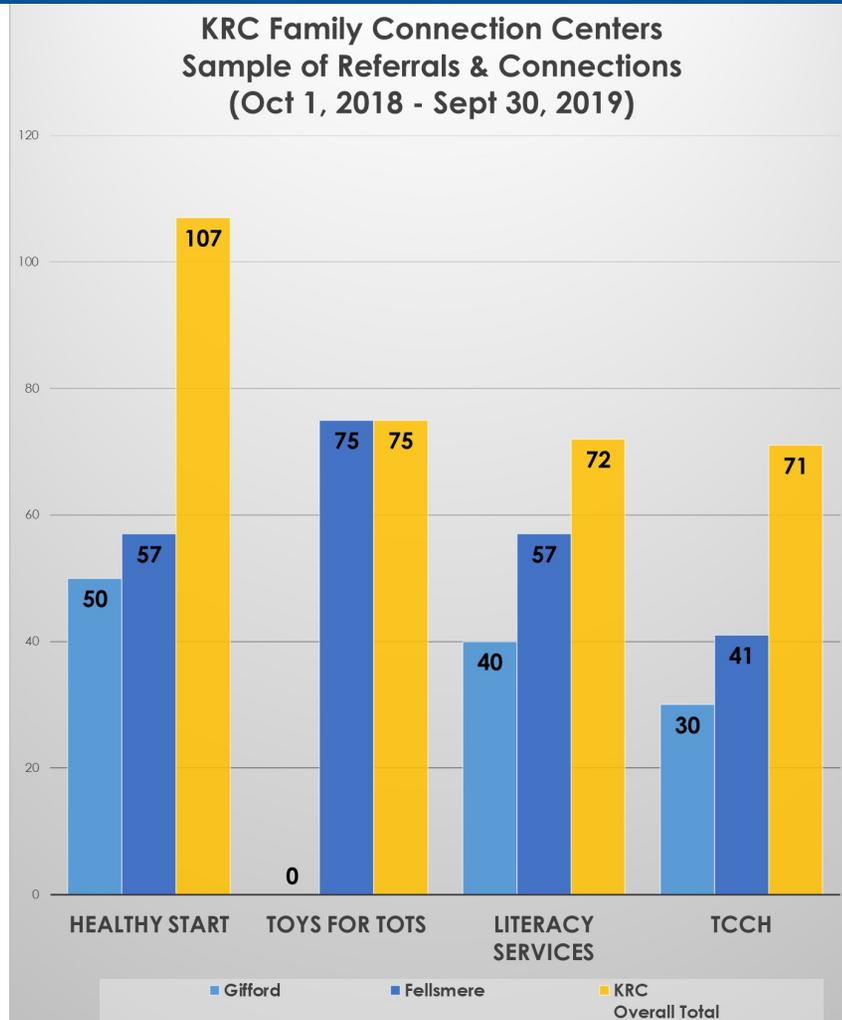




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* Values under 10 do not represent an immediate need within the community (Source: KRC's Family Engagement Specialist).



Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Family Connection Center in Fellsmere Fellsmere Community Center 56 N. Broadway Street Fellsmere, FL 32948



Outcome 2: Increase access, awareness, and connections to local programs and services for 100% parent/caregiver participants with children ages birth to five.

Featured partnership projects taking place here:

- **Facilitating parent training sessions (ages birth-2)**
Vero Beach Museum of Art
- **Curriculum development for parent training sessions (ages 3-5) - Childcare Resources**
- **GED Classes, Computer Classes**
Literacy Services (co-located office)
- **Literacy Immersion Activities**
TLA's Moonshot Rocket
- **Free dental screenings**
Treasure Coast Community Health (TCCH)
- **Free use of space for parent training sessions**
Fellsmere Elementary
- **Assistance with applications**
Mental Health Collaborative
- **Donations of clothing & educational materials**
Kidz Closet Charities
- **Summer Camp Scholarships**
Homeless Children's Foundation
- **Food & Nutrition Assistance**
Treasure Coast Food Bank, Chum Bucket, Love of Paws





Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Family Connection Center in Gifford

Victory Park Apartments
3999 King Place
Vero Beach, FL 32967



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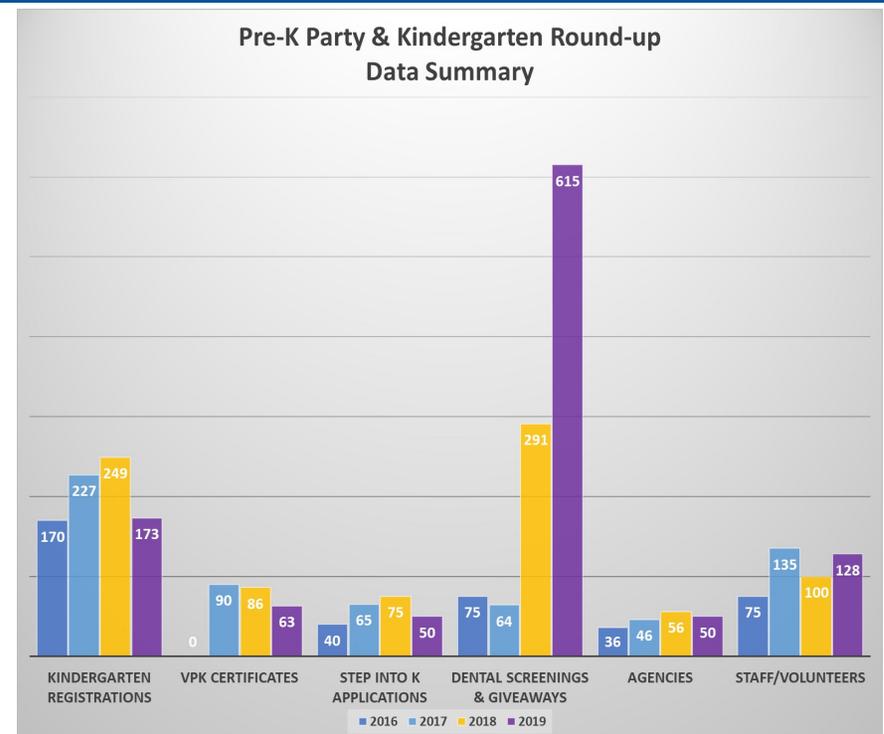
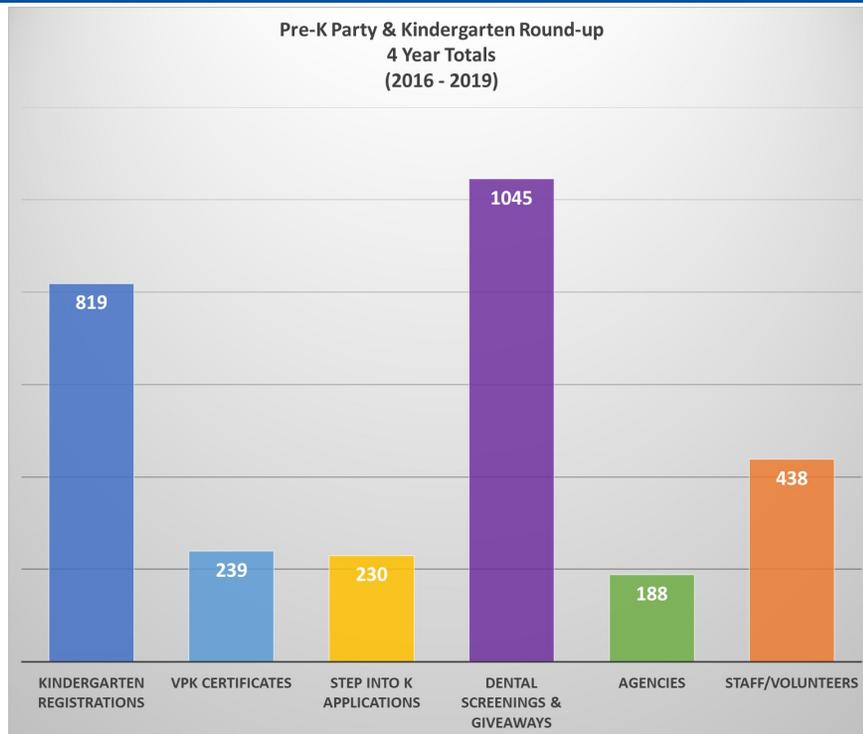
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Healthy Start Coalition
- **Family support groups & counseling sessions**
Sequel Care
- **GED Classes**
Literacy Services
- **Literacy Immersion Activities**
TLA's Moonshot Rocket
- **Free dental screenings**
Treasure Coast Community Health (TCCH)
- **Free use of space for parent training sessions**
Dodgertown Elementary
- **Free use of office space**
IRC Housing Authority
- **Donations of clothing & educational materials**
Kidz Closet Charities
- **Education & outreach**
Sheriff's Office of IRC
- **AmeriCorps Volunteers**
Big Brothers Big Sisters



Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Pre-K Party & Kindergarten Round-up

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Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC)

Moonshot Radio & TV



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In its first year on-air, Moonshot Radio & TV has broadcasted 39 unique episodes with Featured Guests from more than 27 different agencies.

Through multiple opportunities to tune-in (Livestream, Facebook Live, YouTube, iHeart Radio), the show has reached more than 36,780 loyal listeners and viewers!

The Top 3 most viewed shows include:

- Brooke Flood, School District of Indian River County
- Vance Aloupis, The Children's Movement of Florida
- Susan Roberts, Maria Pantoja, & Shannon Maitland, KRC's Family Engagement in Fellsmere





Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) Lunch & Learn Series



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KRC hosted a total of 3 Lunch & Learns with 161 people in attendance overall. Topics focused on the complexities of helping vulnerable populations by learning from historical context and from our own personal histories.



For our premiere event, we welcomed 75 local thought leaders to engage in meaningful discussions surrounding early childhood education and advocacy with David Lawrence Jr. The diverse group of attendees represented more than 35 different agencies (local, regional, and state-wide), businesses, philanthropists, and private citizens. Each attendee received an autographed copy of Dave's book *A Dedicated Life*.



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Outcome 3: Build parent capacity through the delivery of parent training workshops.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS COLLABORATIVE

GIFFORD PARENT TRAINING SESSIONS
OCT 1, 2018 - SEPT 30, 2019

73
CHILDREN REACHED (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)

PARENT TRAINING SESSIONS HELD
3

7
ASQ EARLY INTERVENTION SCREENINGS

PARTNERS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT
19

106
BOOKS ADDED TO HOME LIBRARIES

HOT MEALS SERVED AT 3 SESSIONS
122

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KINDERGARTEN READINESS COLLABORATIVE

FELLSMERE PARENT TRAINING SESSIONS
OCT 1, 2018 - SEPT 30, 2019

91
CHILDREN REACHED (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)

PARENT TRAINING SESSIONS HELD
10

16
ASQ EARLY INTERVENTION SCREENINGS

PARTNERS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT
22

212
BOOKS ADDED TO HOME LIBRARIES

HOT MEALS SERVED AT 10 SESSIONS
497

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