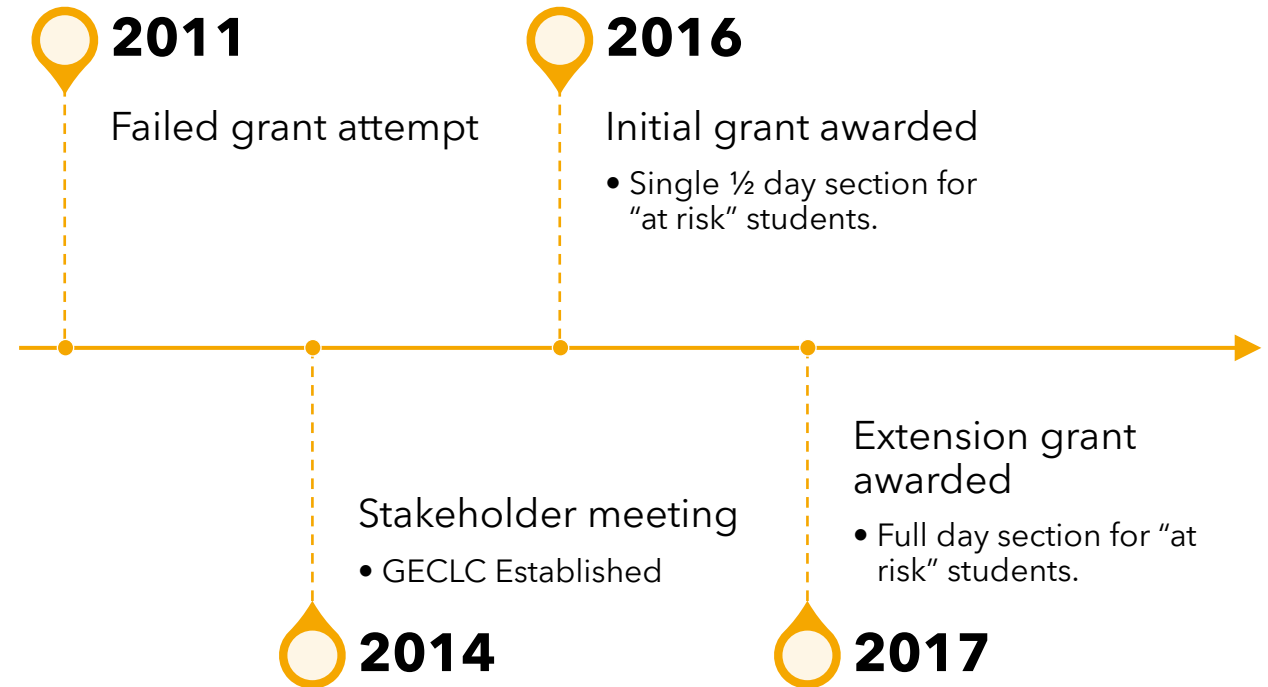


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A Window of Opportunity



Strategic Plan

- **Phase One**
 - Hire Program Coordinator/Executive Director of ECL
 - Coordinate with privates using “Step Up to Quality”
 - Apply for Sixpence and NDE Early Childhood Grants
 - Investigate alternate funding sources (Community/Business Grants)
- **Phase Two**
 - Establish a single-section school-based preschool
- **Phase Three**
 - Birth to Five inclusive program (current location(s))
 - “Pie in the Sky”
 - Full Center-Based Early Childhood Learning Center (located in the Hospital Wellness Center)

Data Collection

- **When it's personal, it matters!**

- Student Survey
 - Preschool Teacher / Kindergarten Readiness Skills
- Kindergarten Registration
- MAP Growth
 - At the time, we were using DIBELS and SAXON pre-assessments as our collection tool

	Top 1/3	Middle 1/3	Bottom 1/3
Private Preschool #1	42.86%	57.14%	0.00%
Private Preschool #2	22.22%	44.44%	33.33%
Private Preschool #3	59.09%	27.27%	13.64%
Private Preschool #4	20.00%	0.00%	80.00%
Private Preschool - Other	28.57%	57.14%	14.29%
No Preschool	0.00%	10.00%	90.00%

- **Established need** in two areas:

- **Access** to Preschool
- **Quality** of Preschool

Creating of the Coalition

- **Curriculum**
 - High Scope
 - Trainings
- **Collaboration**
 - Quarterly Meetings
 - Scope and Sequence
 - Policies & Procedures
 - Communitywide Activities
 - Field Trips
 - Open House
 - Young Child Event
- **Materials**
 - Color & B/W Copies
 - Lamination
 - Bulk paper and supply ordering



A Catalyst for Growth

- **Essential Skills:**
 - **Passion for Early Childhood**
 - **Business Mindset**
 - Grant Writing
 - Detail Oriented
 - Excellent Communicator

Community Coordinator

- **Regular Meetings**
 - Quarterly meetings for anyone in the community connected with or interested in early childhood
 - Quarterly meetings for local providers
 - Periodic social outings
- **Coordination of Information**
 - Grants
 - Training and education
 - Conversations around capacity and quality practices
 - Connections with county-wide organizations
- **Organize Community Connections**
 - Presence at community events
 - Advocate for local child care efforts and providers
 - Administer preschool scholarships
 - Create connections with community partners



COVID-19 Response

- **Coordination of Information for Parents**
- **Coordination of Information for Providers**
- **Coordination of Information for the School**



Cooperative Funding

- **Interlocal Agreement**
- **Community Partners Program**
- **Communities for Kids**
- **Community Well Being Initiative**

Questions?

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