

## **Readiness to Learn Mason County**

### **2005-2006 Outcomes Report**

#### Local Picture

Served 596\* children, with main referrals from school professionals (41%) and self-referral (57%)

Majority (76%) have an initial referral due to early intervention reasons; another 20% have an initial referral due to both academic risk and early intervention reasons.

Majority (65%) of the initial early intervention referrals involved addressing family basic needs (housing, food, transportation, child care, etc), followed by health care (36%), and mental health (10%).

Majority (24% of total clients) of the initial academic risk referrals involved concerns for academic problems (14%), school behavior (12%), and low school interest (11%).

Majority (63%) of the RTL engagements involved both child and family, while 28% involved family as a unit.

51% of RTL children/families received 10 or more direct RTL services; 32% received referral and linkage support services only.

RTL services were completed at a cost of \$250 per RTL client (or about \$17.00 per action on average)

There is evidence that half the children with initial attendance problems do improve in attendance records at end of the year. However, there is no dose effect of RTL intervention. We need to rely upon state-wide data to draw conclusions about the effective of RTL on academic outcomes (due to our small numbers and first year of involvement)

#### State Picture

RTL reaches the most vulnerable kids in our communities

RTL services are mainly early interventions, protecting these vulnerable kids from developing academic problems in the future.

RTL service provide early drop-out prevention, and also helps kids who have already dropped out re-enroll in school

The greater the number of RTL services, the lower the school attendance problems.

The state average cost per RTL client is about \$500.00