



CLOSING THE GAP



First Steps 4K gets children ready for school.

First Steps 4K has options that work for you & your family.



All First Steps 4K programs are in-person, 5 days per week, throughout the school year. Most providers offer a full day (8 hour) program.



Families have a variety of options including year-round, summer-only, or school-year only programs and traditional school-day programs or extended-day programs.



Children benefit from small class sizes (one to ten teacher to child ratio) and an evidence-based instructional curriculum that prepares them for school.



First Steps 4K + Siblings ensures care and education for the whole family, leaving no child behind.



Some centers offer transportation for no fee.

Because of **First Steps 4K** parents report...

72%
are more aware
of developmental
milestones (for 4K)

61%
are more confident
as a parent

[Your Voice Matters 4K Survey July 2021](#)

First Steps 4K is closing the gap in kindergarten readiness for children in poverty.

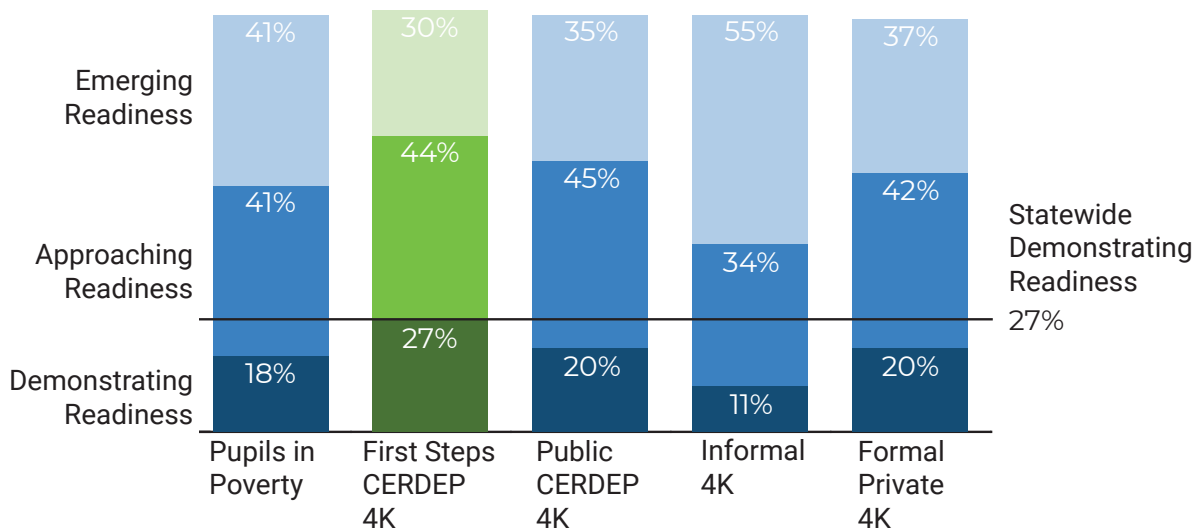


Figure. Pupils in Poverty (PIP) Overall Modified KRA Results Compared to PIP Served in CERDEP-Funded and Non-CERDEP-Funded Programs

Data Source: [EOC KRA Fall 2020 Report](#)



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