



**PRESENTATION**

**April 1, 2015**

DATE: March 17, 2015

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: THINK Together Early Literacy and Math Program Report

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The Children and Families of Orange County approved a \$5 million catalytic agreement with THINK Together in 2012 to provide early literacy and math programs to young children in Orange County for 10 years.

Randy Barth, THINK Together's Chief Executive Officer will present an update on the implementation of the catalytic investment and that status of the organization. Tiffany Alva, the Director of Early Learning will present on the status of the countywide programs managed by THINK Together.

**ATTACHMENT**

Early Literacy and Math Program Presentation



# Early Literacy and Math Program

Randy Barth, Chief Executive Officer

Tiffany Alva, Director of Early Learning



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# Early Learning in THINK Together's Continuum of Services

- **Shift from “manager” to “partner”**
- **Importance of Commission's partnership**

# Program Elements

- **Early Literacy and Math Program at School & Community Sites**
- **Raising a Reader**
- **Reach Out and Read**
- **OC Book Bank**
- **Events:**
  - **OC Fair**
  - **Read for the Record**
- **Early Childhood STEM Conference**

# EC STEM Conference

- **Conference elements targeted to unique audiences**
  - Thursday evening panel
  - Track for home daycare providers
  - Mentor Program
- **Expanded Partnerships**

# AmeriCorps Program

- 17 AmeriCorps members
- Program Impact
  - Teacher-student ratio
  - Individual instruction
- Partnerships
- State and National Accolades



# Next Steps and Moving Forward

- **Strategic Plan**
  - Actions to strengthen community awareness and program sustainability
  - Outside evaluation will start in Fall of 2015
  - Evaluate expansion of ELMP programs in Orange County
  - Expansion based on EDI analysis



Thank you