

PROMISING STRATEGIES
 for
 EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE PROJECTS

Name of Coalition: Willmar Early Childhood Coalition
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Local Goal Addressed: The Coalition sponsored a reading event for families with young children.
Project Overview: <i>(Briefly describe the activity and the stakeholders involved.)</i> The Willmar Early Childhood Coalition partnered with the Public Library to sponsor a family reading event. The event emphasized different aspects of reading: illustration, storytelling, acting, language, etc. Each child received a book illustrated and signed by a local author. Stories were also acted out on stage.
Project Outcomes: <i>(Briefly describe the results or anticipated results of the project.)</i> Nearly 120 families were in attendance at the festival. Each family was introduced to the summer reading program held at the Public Library, and each child had the opportunity to get a library card and take home a handmade craft relating to the book.
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