



OVERVIEW

DIVIDE READY BY 5

Divide Ready by 5 is a collaborative organization that includes parents as well as representatives from early education and childcare, mental health services, public health nursing, healthcare, education and businesses who desire to help families prepare children 0-5 for kindergarten.

WHAT'S THE NEED?

- Children entering kindergarten need to be healthy and ready for school to be successful.

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

- Assist families with young children by:
 - Directing them to Divide resources, including public health nursing departments and wellness professionals, that enable them to provide healthy and safe environments;
 - Providing education about child developmental milestones;
 - Offering them free access to early literacy reading programs to expose children to reading and comprehension skills;
 - Helping them to foster a lifelong love of reading in their children before kindergarten; and
 - Preparing and distributing materials that help them to prepare children for kindergarten.

HOW ARE WE DOING IT?

- Providing weekly Preschool Story times at all elementary school sites;
- Collaborating with social services, faith-based and community organizations to expand literacy activities at existing venues;
- Participating in community events where we provide literacy, school readiness and parenting information and resources to promote wellness and optimal development among children;
- Conducting research, coordinating and participating in activities that help to expand and to sustain services for Divide families;
- Coordinating outreach among schools to inform and promote school readiness to families;
- Partnering with First 5 El Dorado to secure funding for programs that help families obtain public health nursing, counseling and other wellness services.

WHAT ARE WE HOPING FOR?

- All children will have the resources necessary to reach their optimal state of language development, and physical, social and emotional wellness to ensure success in school.