



Equity Starts Early: Strategies to Promote High-Quality Early Education

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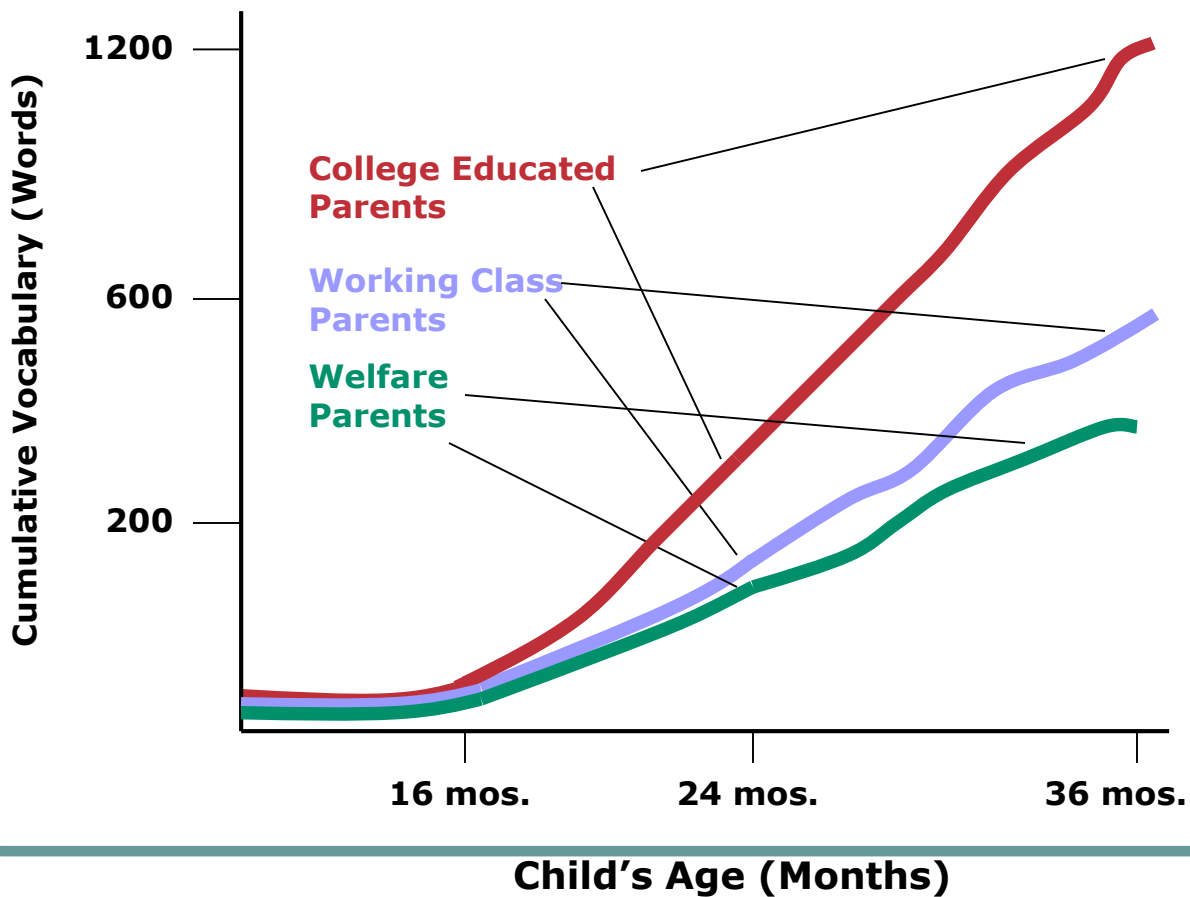
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How Chiefs Will Build High-Quality Early Education

Road Map

- **How well are young children doing in early learning and development?**
- **5 action steps for states to prevent achievement gaps in the early learning years**

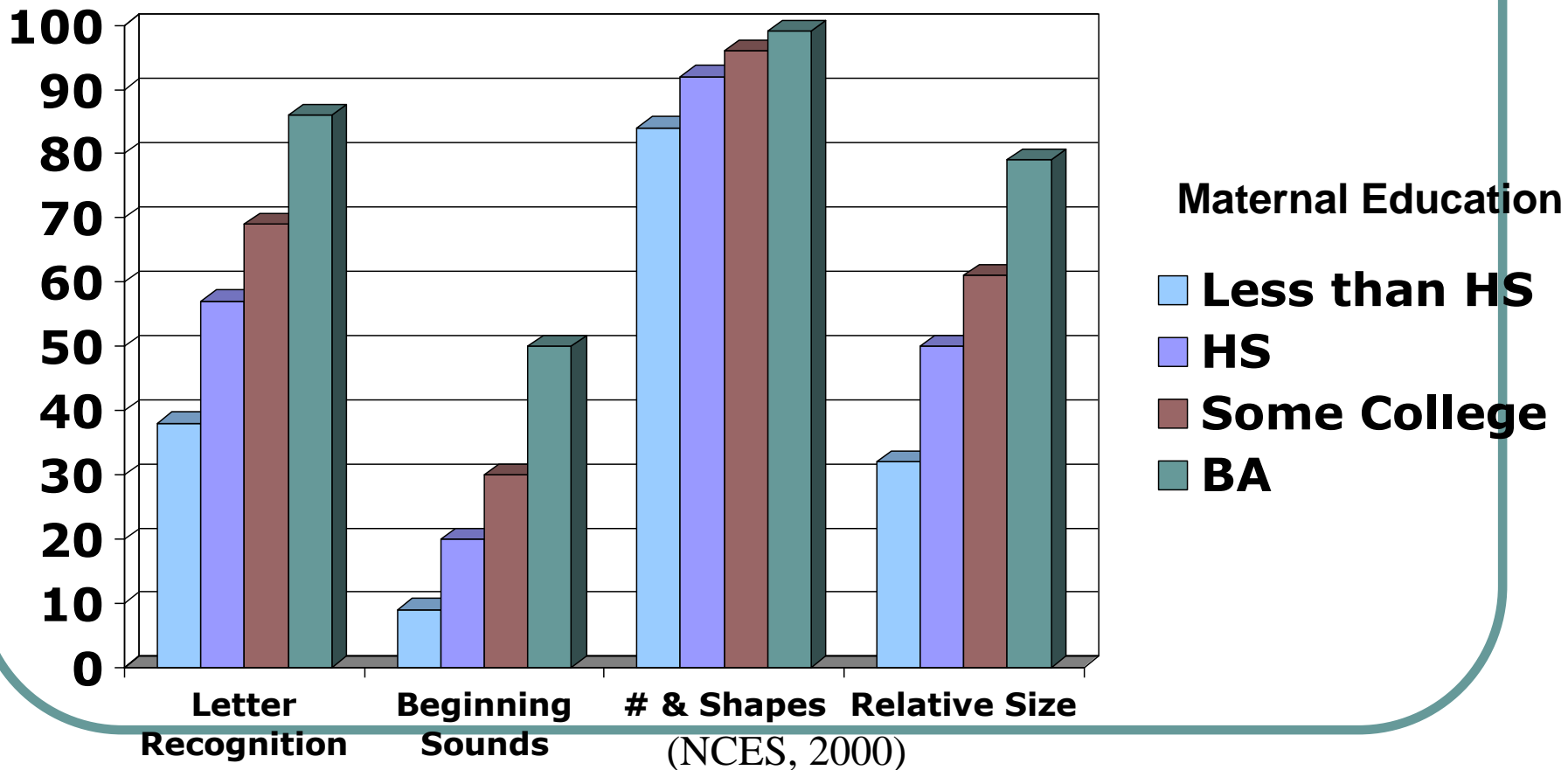
Disparities in Early Vocabulary Growth



Source: Hart & Risley (1995)

Gaps in Reading & Math at Kg. Entry

Percent of Kindergarteners Passing Proficiency Levels in Fall



What Do You Think?

- Are educators sufficiently informed, alarmed and focused on early achievement gaps?
- Does it make sense to delay reporting on child outcomes until the end of 3rd grade?
- What can states do to prevent early achievement gaps?

Action Steps for States

- Engage families & communities
- Connect ece programs and schools
- Improve ece program quality
- Build a high-performing ece workforce
- Increase investment in voluntary, high quality early childhood education

How State Legislators Can Lead

- Track progress on how young children are doing.
- Make it easier for parents and local agencies to use multiple early childhood programs.
- Connect early childhood and K-12 goals, planning, data to build shared accountability.