

The Value of Interactive Early Childhood Education

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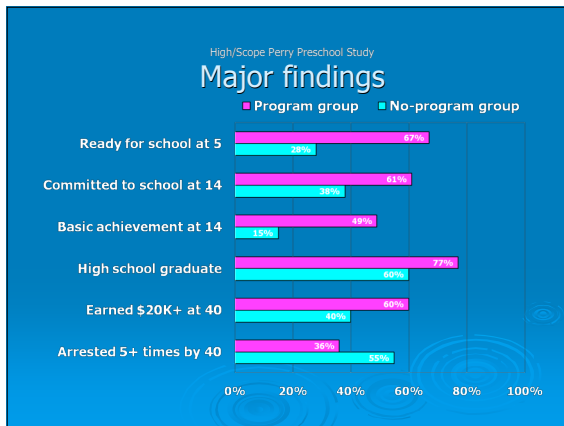


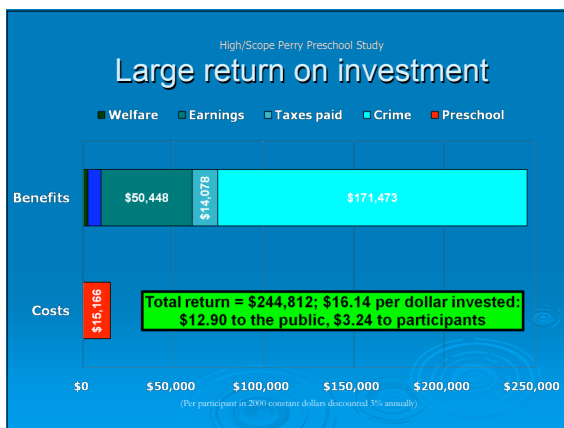
Interactive education is the heart of the High/Scope preschool model.

- In the High/Scope model, the classroom and the schedule are arranged to support children's interactive education.
 - Activity areas (art, house, block, computer, etc.
 - Children plan, do, and review.
- Teachers help children grow by focusing on key developmental indicators.

Interactive early childhood education has powerful effects.

- An interactive preschool program has important short- and long-term benefits on participants'
- Greater school success.
 - Less crime.
 - Better employment and earnings.
 - A substantial economic return on investment.

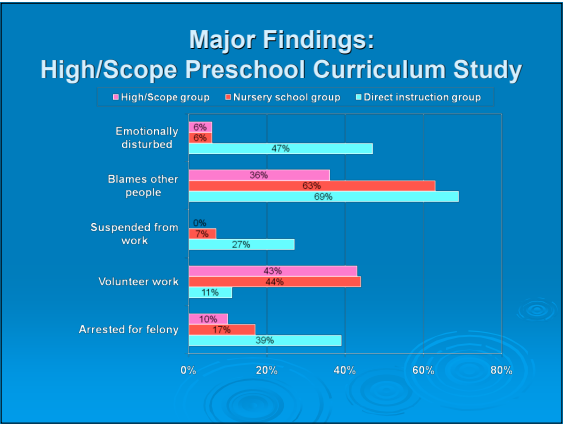




Interactive early childhood education has advantages over direct instruction.

An interactive preschool program as compared to a direct instruction preschool program has important short- and long-term advantages on participants'

- Fewer emotional problems
- Greater willingness to take responsibility and volunteer
- Stronger work ethic
- Less crime

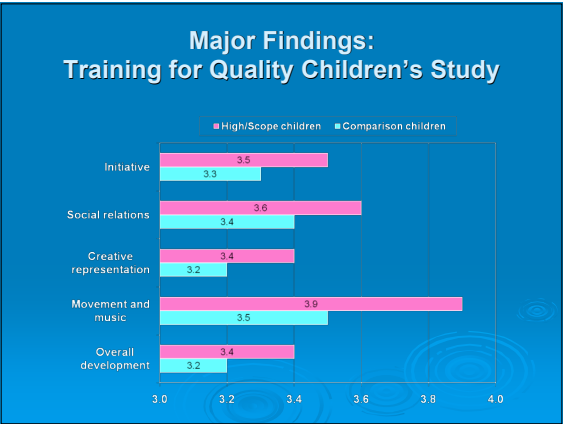


Teacher training in interactive education helps teachers and children develop.

Certified High/Scope trainers have trained over 16,000 early childhood teaching teams, including one-third of Head Start teaching staff.

Classrooms with High/Scope-trained teachers have better environments, daily routine, adult-child-interaction, and overall implementation.

Children in their classrooms have better initiative, social relations, creative representation, music and movement skills, and overall child development.



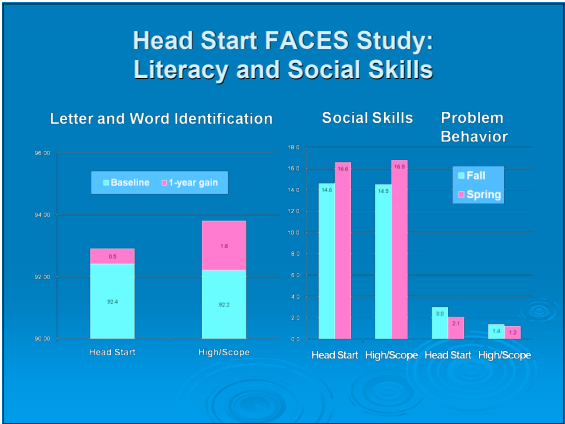
Children learn literacy with interactive education.

- High/Scope has a new emphasis on children's comprehension, phonological awareness, and understanding of the alphabetic principle and concepts about print.
- The new literacy curriculum is called Growing Young Readers.
- The new literacy assessment tool is called the Early Literacy Skills Assessment.
 - It is based on interactive reading of a storybook.
 - It is not limited to the High/Scope Curriculum.

Head Start children learn language and social skills with interactive education.

Children in Head Start classes that use the High/Scope interactive education gain more than other Head Start children in their:

- Letter and word identification skills
- Social skills
- Reduced problem behavior



**Four preschool settings characteristics
link to children's later ability
around the world.**

- Having free-choice activities.
- Having few whole-group activities.
- Teachers' schooling.
- Amount and variety of materials.

**IEA Preprimary Project:
Preschool Teaching Practices and
Children's Development**

- **Having free-choice activities** links more strongly to children's language ability at 7 than do personal-social, physical/ expressive, or preacademic activities.
- **Having few whole-group activities** in preschool settings links to better cognitive ability at 7.

**IEA Preprimary Project:
Preschool Settings and
Children's Development**

- Preschool **teachers' schooling** links to children's language ability at 7.
- **Amount and variety of materials** in preschool settings links to children cognitive ability at 7.

Preschool participatory learning

- Is the heart of the High/Scope preschool model.
- Has powerful effects and advantages over direct instruction.
- Through teacher training, helps teachers and children develop.
- Teaches literacy skills.
- Helps Head Start children learn language and social skills.
- Links to children's cognitive development throughout the world.

