**Ready for kindergarten:**

An evaluation of Multnomah County Library’s **Listos para el kínder** program

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**Listos para el kínder** *(Listos)*

Is a culturally responsive early literacy program in Spanish that includes relevant teaching strategies for children and adults congruent with the Latino culture.

*Listos* enhances literacy development among 3- and 5-year-old Spanish-speaking children; prepares them with academic and social skills to succeed in kindergarten and empowers parents to support children’s growth.

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**Key Findings**

Teachers identified that *Listos* children were more prepared than their Spanish speaking peers and their peers overall.

Families embedded what they learned in *Listos* in home routines.

*Listos* is reaching out to the most vulnerable families, who have not been able to benefit from early childhood education services in the community.

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**Recommendations**

- Strengthen training support for co-facilitators
- Coordinate outreach efforts for *Listos* recruitment
- Embed a robust and ongoing evaluation into the program.