Idea 1

TRAINING IN DATA LITERACY FOR CITY STAFF

Data dashboards are only as good as the quality of the data and the utility of the data to people who need to use it for decision making.

This often requires training in data literacy and management, as well as process to ensure that data is accurate. While this is a more general issue, it is particularly relevant to early childhood because a lot of service provision is done informally and by providers who may not have strong administrative capacities.

Moreover, since direct measures of child outcomes may not be available, there is a need to determine what proxy data can be used for effective decision-making.

At a glance...

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GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT
- Social Services
- Education
- Health
- Parks
- Planning
- Transport

MINIMUM SCALE
City

EXISTING IMPLEMENTATION LEVEL
Tested and implemented

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**OUTCOME AREAS**

- Increased use of shared data across city departments
- Improved collaboration across city departments
- Increased city budget for initiatives to support young children and families
- Improved collaboration between city government and civil society

**REAL WORLD EXAMPLES**

- In **Istanbul, Turkey**, the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation helped create spatial maps of all city districts to identify where the most vulnerable young children were located, using a variety of proxy indicators. They shared the data with municipal managers and are working with four districts to help them better understand how to use the data for planning of services and exploring ways to ensure data are updated on a recurrent basis.

- In the **USA**, a variety of cities are now using a shared back-office service for networks of childcare providers. This helps ensure better quality administrative data across the providers, saves money through cost sharing, and allows providers to focus more attention on service quality.

**RELATED IDEAS**

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- Interactive Map of Early Childhood in Istanbul, by the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV) and Kadir Has University