



# The Imagination Library in Stanislaus County



# Beginnings

- **Nearly 20 years ago**


- Dr. Susan Neufeld, CSU Stanislaus
- Activated an affiliate with all Turlock zip codes
- “Banked” with the Stanislaus Community Foundation (SCF)



THREE CHALLENGE AREAS:

- ▶ Kindergarten Readiness
- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Summer Slide

Stanislaus County Office of  
Education (SCOPE)  
+  
Stanislaus Community Foundation  
(SCF)  
joined the national  
**Grade Level Reading Campaign**



## Kindergarten Readiness Tactic: Imagination Library

- Eight pilot schools from 8 districts identified
- Zip codes activated for those schools in separate affiliates held at SCF
- MOU's w/ districts:
  - ID a "champion"
  - Administer the KSEP to all incoming kinders

# Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile KSEP

Social-Emotional Items Rubric

KSEP Item	Not Yet (1)	Emerging (2)	Almost Mastered (3)	Mastered (4)	Rating
1. Seeks adult help when appropriate	When unable to complete tasks, does not seek and will not accept adult assistance	When unable to complete tasks, does not seek but will accept adult assistance	When unable to complete tasks, asks for assistance without being able to express a specific need	When unable to complete tasks, seeks adult assistance and can express specific needs related to the tasks	3
2. Engages in cooperative play activities with peers	Rarely engages with other children and/or may use aggression to disrupt others' cooperative play	Plays alongside other children, but does not engage in interactions with them	Plays next to other children and may initiate conversations or share toys but actions are not part of an ongoing shared activity	Engages with other children in ongoing shared activities (e.g., imaginative play, tag, blocks, etc.)	2
3. Exhibits impulse control and self-regulation	Unable to delay having wants and needs met	Distracted by getting wants and needs met, yet able to be redirected by others	Distracted by getting wants and needs met but redirects self	Able to delay wants and needs until appropriate time	3
4. Maintains attention to tasks (attention focus, distractibility)	Does not sustain attention to tasks; is frequently distracted by external stimuli	Stays with tasks for a short time but becomes easily distracted by external stimuli	Distracted from tasks by external stimuli but can redirect self back to tasks after becoming distracted	Consistently attends to tasks without becoming distracted by external stimuli	3
5. Is enthusiastic and curious about school	Is lethargic, unenthusiastic, and/or indifferent towards school activities and rarely responds to prompting	Is not self-initiating to participate in school activities but will participate when prompted	Shows some excitement and interest in school activities, but only for selected activities	Expresses excitement and interest in participating in a wide range of school activities	4
6. Persists with tasks after experiencing difficulty (task persistence, coping with challenges)	Easily becomes visibly frustrated and quits with tasks when difficulty is encountered	Persists with tasks for a short amount of time but quits when difficulty is encountered AND child does not respond to teacher's attempts at redirection	Persists with tasks for a short amount of time but quits when difficulty is encountered BUT child does respond to teacher's attempts at redirection	Usually persists with tasks until completed even after difficulty is encountered; no teacher redirection is needed	3 <b>18</b>

School-Ready Knowledge Items Rubric

KSEP Item	Not Yet (1)	Emerging (2)	Almost Mastered (3)	Mastered (4)	Rating
7. Recognizes own written name	Child cannot read or locate name	Child can find name after several attempts (recognizes first letter)	Child identifies own name in routine settings	Child can consistently find name even in new situations	3
8. Demonstrates expressive verbal abilities	Communicates primarily in a nonverbal way or using one word utterances	Expresses self in simple 3-4 word phrases	Expresses self in 5-6 word sentences	Child clearly communicates using fuller, more complex sentences	2
9. Understands that numbers represent quantity	Does not know numbers	Knows numbers but does not associate numbers to objects in one-to-one fashion	Demonstrates number-object correspondence when counting objects, assigning one number per object	Can select an accurate amount of objects upon request (e.g., can provide you with 4 blocks upon request)	3
10. Writes own name	Unable to do	Scribble-write first name with some letter-like form	Writes first name with letters and some phonetically appropriate letter/sounds (e.g., first letter)	Writes first name phonetically correct. Exact spelling and capital letters not required.	3
11. Recognizes colors	Can name 0-4 colors Red Yellow Green Blue Orange Purple Brown Black Pink White Gray	Can name 5-8 colors Red Yellow Green Blue Orange Purple Brown Black Pink White Gray	Can name 9-10 colors Red Yellow Green Blue Orange Purple Brown Black Pink White Gray	Can name all 11 colors Red Yellow Green Blue Orange Purple Brown Black Pink White Gray	4
12. Recognizes shapes	Can name 0-1 primary shapes Square Circle Rectangle Triangle	Can name 2 primary shapes Square Circle Rectangle Triangle	Can name 3 primary shapes Square Circle Rectangle Triangle	Can name all 4 primary shapes Square Circle Rectangle Triangle	3
13. Names UPPER CASE alphabet letters	Can name none or a few upper case letters (0-6 letters)	Can name less than one-half upper case letters (7-12 letters)	Can name one-half or more of the upper case letters 15 letters (14-20 letters)	Can name most or all upper case letters (21-26 letters)	3
KSEP Rating Categories	Immediate Follow-up 13-25	Month Monitor 26-37	Quarterly Monitor 38-46 <b>X</b>	Ready to Go 47-52	18 + 21 = 39 Total (range 13-52)

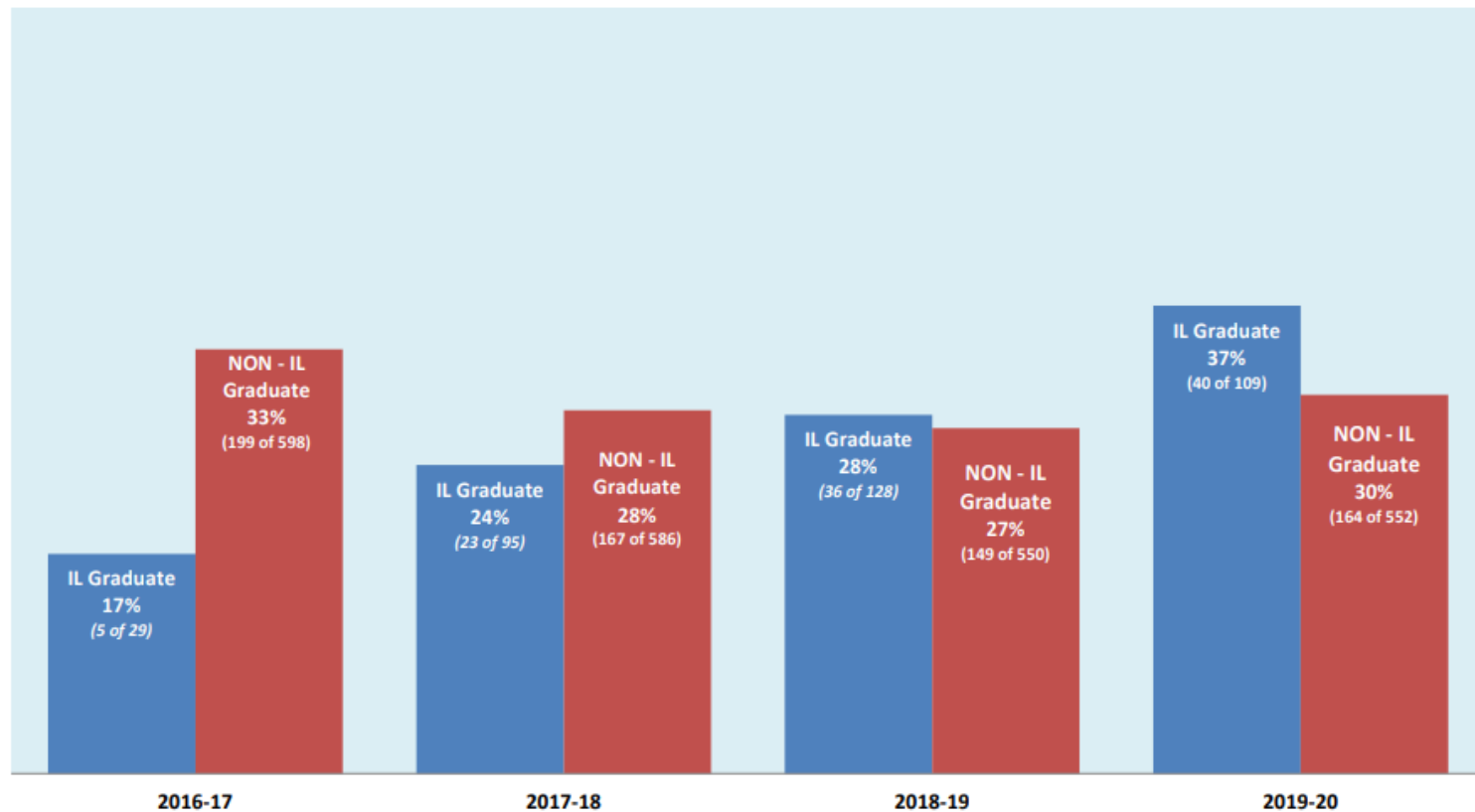


What we are learning ...



## PERCENT OF KINDERGARTENERS WHO ARE "READY FOR KINDERGARTEN" BY IMAGINATION LIBRARY PARTICIPATION

~ PILOT SCHOOLS IN PORTAL, 2016-17; 2017-18; 2018-19 AND 2019-20 ~



**Notes:** "Ready for Kindergarten" is defined as scoring within the "Ready-to-Go" range on the Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP).  
**Source:** Fall KSEP scores for students entering Kindergarten each year, StanislausREADS! Data Portal as of 1/8/20. Pilot schools in portal with data representing both groups (IL participation & non-IL participation) were included in this analysis.

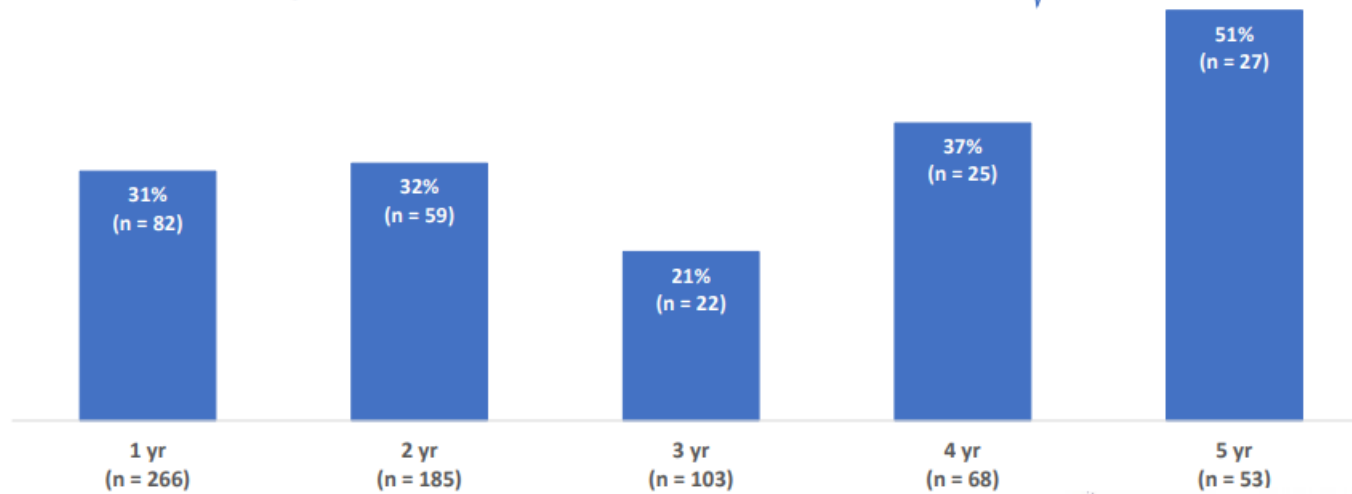


ALL KINDERGARTNERS WHO SCORED "READY-TO-GO" ON THE KINDERGARTEN  
STUDENT ENTRANCE PROFILE (KSEP) BY YEARS OF  
IMAGINATION LIBRARY PARTICIPATION

**Total KSEP Ratings**

<u>Score</u>	<u>Result</u>
13-25	Immediate Follow-Up
26-37	Monthly Monitor
38-46	Quarterly Monitor
47-52	Ready-To-Go

**32%** (215) Overall  
"Ready-To-Go"  
Total Kindergarteners  
= 675



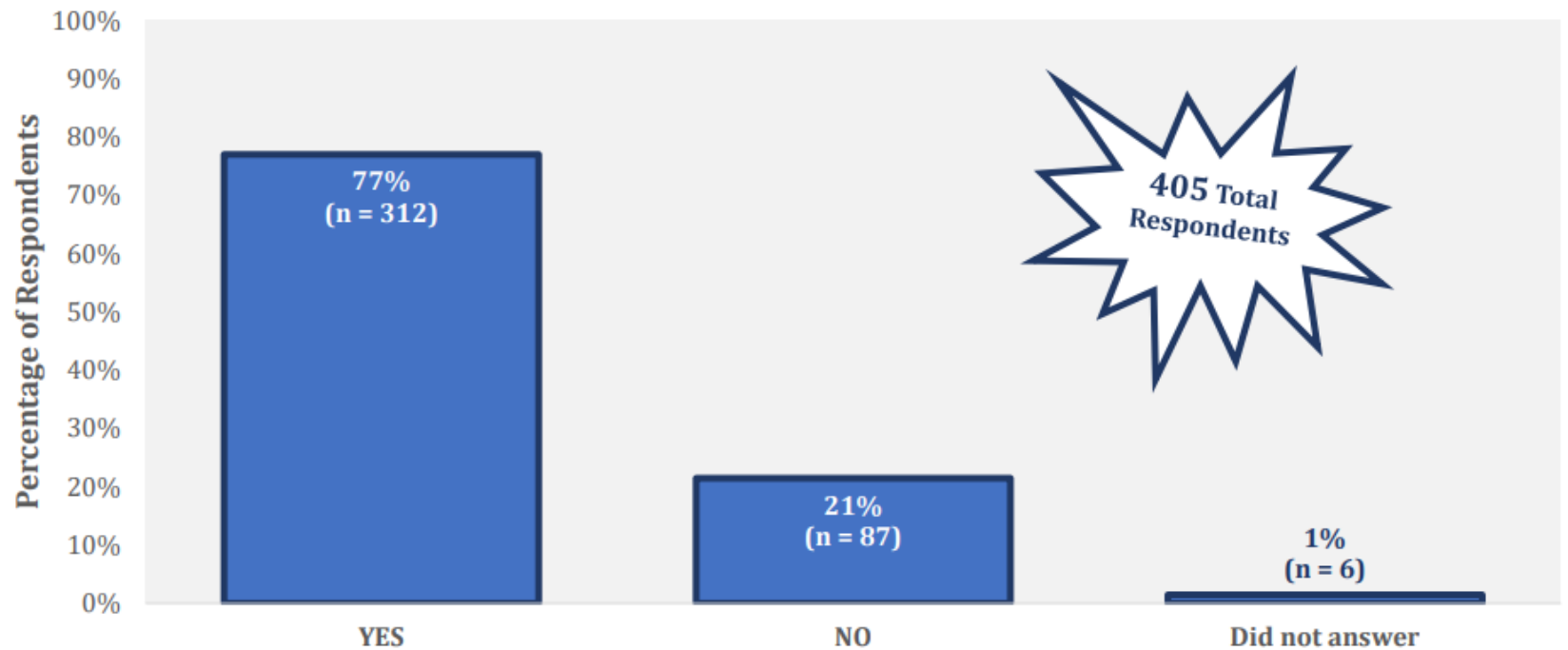
**Data Set:** All Kindergarteners in the StanislausREADS! portal with Imagination Library participation.  
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## Parent Survey Data

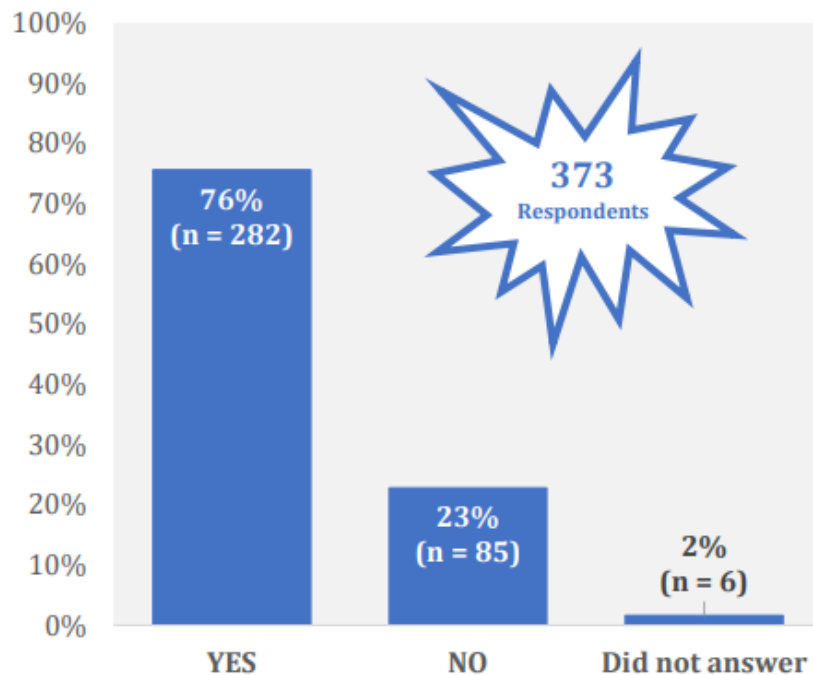
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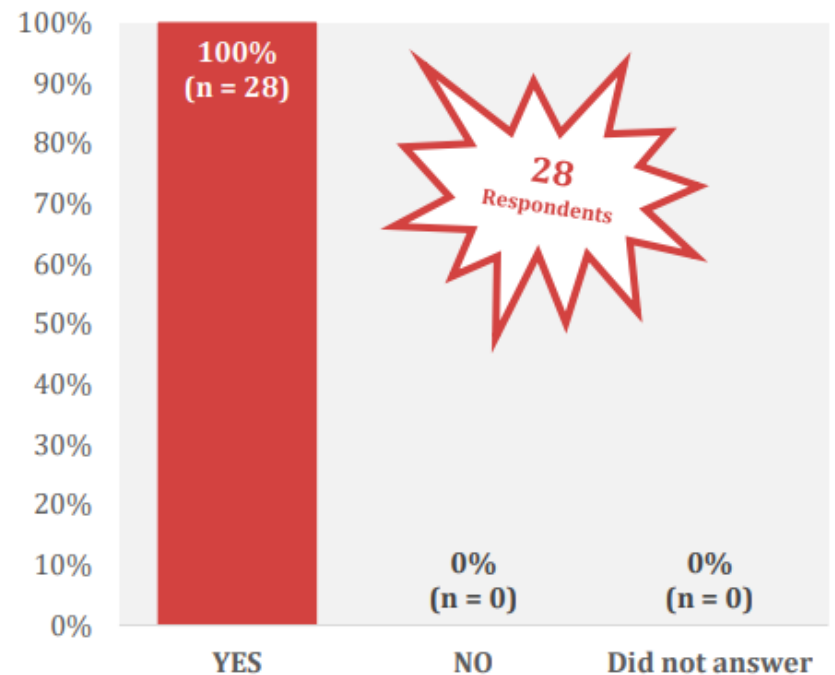
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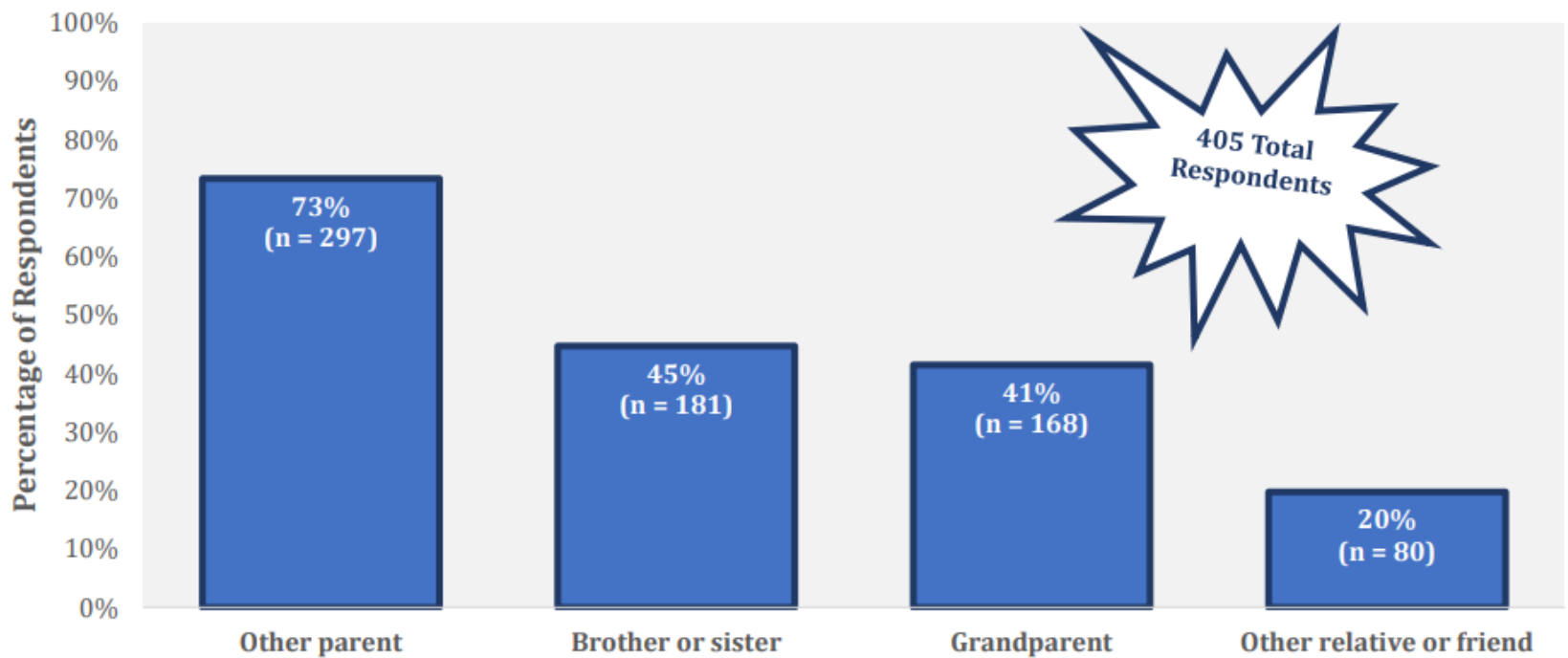


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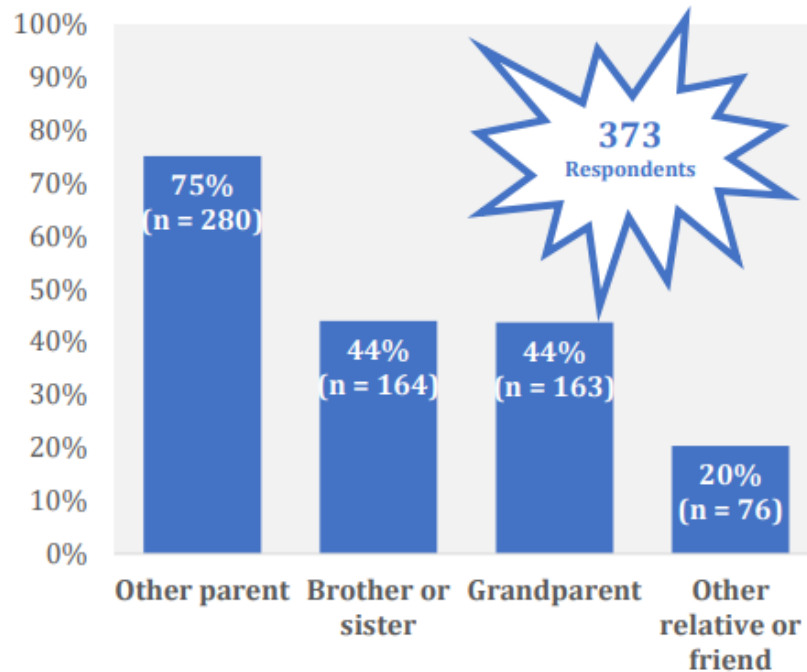


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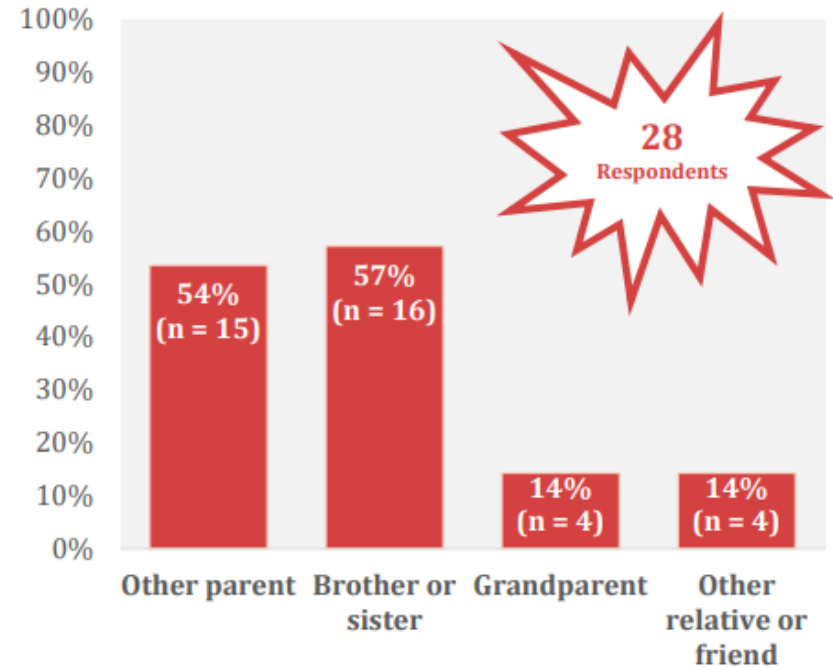
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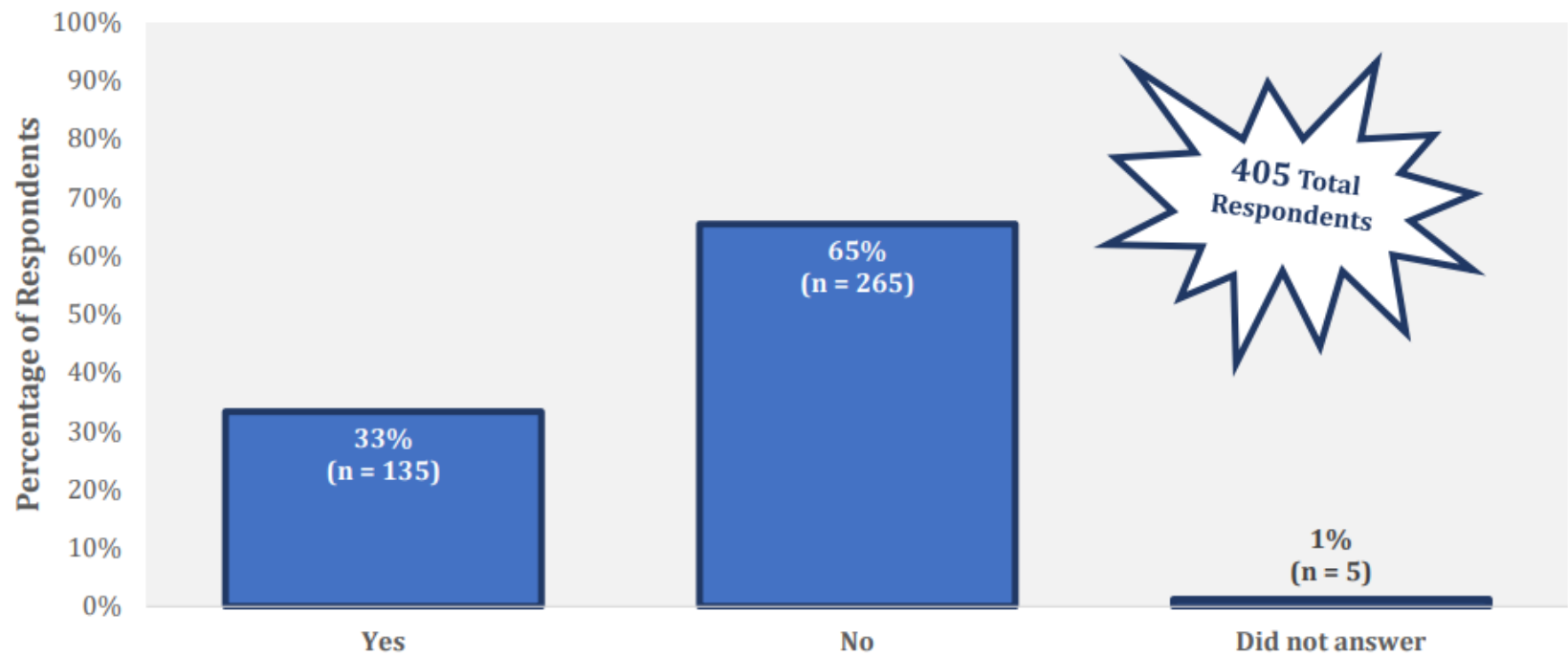


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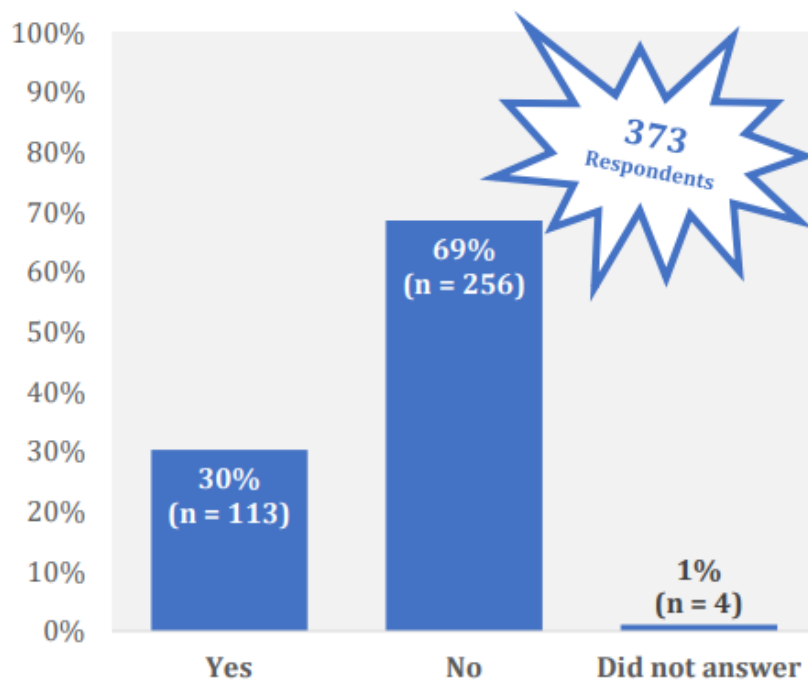


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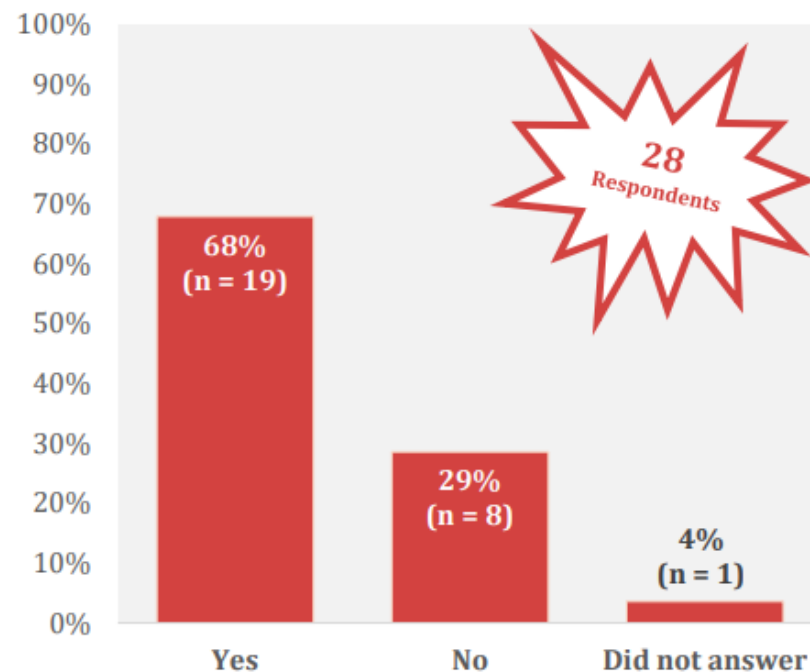
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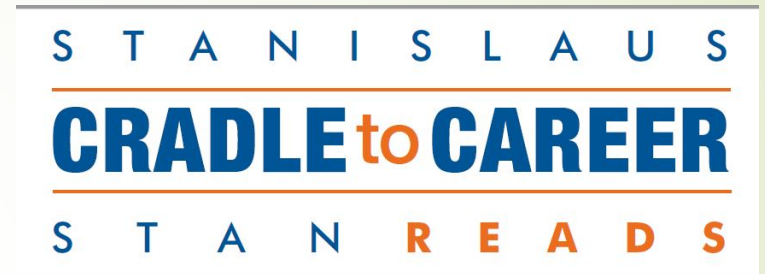
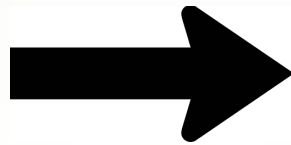


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## Some funding info

- ▶ Partnership with Modesto Rotary
  - ▶ 5 year opportunity
  - ▶ Raise \$5K from club members w match from the local Rotary Foundation
  - ▶ \$50K over 5 years
- ▶ Workplace Giving – automatic, monthly employee donations
  - ▶ 90 employees at SCOE donate \$543.50 month
  - ▶ 217 children enrolled through donations
  - ▶ SCOE cuts paychecks for all districts except Modesto



- Imagination Library broken out as a “meta-strategy”
- Activate all Stan County zip codes
- Create zone affiliates to group districts by geography
- Establish new MOU for districts
- Work through agencies working with young children to find kids young
  - Kaiser Permanente
  - WIC, etc.



