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“It takes a village to raise a child” certainly describes the collaborative work of Success By 6. SB6 is built on collaborations and partnerships with many organizations large and small in both Mifflin and Juniata counties. The early childhood programs, Office of Child Development and Early Learning, human service agencies and the school districts are collaborating partners in all of our work to build high quality programs and transition children to kindergarten smoothly. The businesses and community agencies are an important part of sharing information with the communities. Collaborating with and participating on community boards is also an important piece of the village as we are building invested and involved partners.

Success By 6 is seen as the community connector between school districts, early childhood programs, businesses and community agencies.

Collaborating with the county school districts

- Mifflin and Juniata are rural counties and each county has only one school district.
- As Success By 6 Coordinator I coordinate the transition teams in both counties
- Transition activities include; preschool/kindergarten teacher in-services, kindergarten registration, literacy workshops, Getting Ready for School nights, and summer transition packets.
- Mifflin County School District is in the 4th year of the Keystone to Opportunity Literacy grant birth to grade 12. Success By 6 is the early childhood representative on the KtO leadership team. The KtO grant has provided; LETRS training for early childhood staff, EC classroom literacy coaches, and new mom bags at the local hospital.

Participating in the community

Success By 6 participates on several committees and boards across both counties. Participation provides the opportunity to share information with the committee/board members and also provides the opportunity to take back the community information to the early childhood providers and school districts.

A few examples;

- Juniata Valley Chamber of Commerce Business and Education Comm.
- M-J Partners Advancing Tomorrow's Health
- Mifflin County SD Local Advisory Council
- Juniata County Juvenile Prevention Board
- Human Service Development Fund board
- Head Start Policy Council