

Results-based Accountability

Lessons Learned in the Planning
& Implementation of the *Great
Start System*

Love At First Sight

- Compelling intention
- Focus on ALL children
- Political context
- Aligned with values & vision

The Courtship

- Common nomenclature
- Stakeholder buy-in on *results*
- Cross agency workgroup to identify *indicators*
- Kids Count key partner
- *Foundational process* for strategic plan development
- Data limitations; Data development agenda

The Honeymoon is Over

- New Governance & New Leadership
- Great Starts here – NOW take it to scale
- Comprehensive, state-wide system- BUT phased in over time
- Data realities; Data development agenda
- Kids Count contract

An Arranged Marriage

Common community assessment template

1. **Data gathering, initial analysis & issue identification** – Status report to the community
2. **Strategic Review** – Wide-spread, broad-based community outreach & engagement
3. **Infrastructure Review** – System structure capacity

The *Second* Year Itch

- Strategic Priorities
- Benchmarks
- Data Realities; Data Development Agenda

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