

## ABSTRACT

### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JUMPSTART AND NON-JUMPSTART CHILDREN AS RATED ON THE SCHOOL SUCCESS CHECKLIST

Jumpstart is a supplemental preschool intervention program for children from low-income communities who are at risk of starting school behind their more affluent peers. Jumpstart functions nationally at over 200 Head Start and non-Head Start child development centers. The current study investigated whether Jumpstart children would show more improvement than non-Jumpstart children on the School Success Checklist overall scale, the Language and Literacy subscale, and the Initiative and Social Relations subscale, in terms of mean score differences from pretest to posttest across an 8-month period. It also investigated whether children in Jumpstart enrolled in Head Start would show more improvement on the three measures than those who are in Jumpstart but not in Head Start. The sample utilized archival data for California for the 2004-2005 academic school year. Results from two-way Analyses of Variance indicate Jumpstart children showed more positive gains on all three measures than non-Jumpstart children.

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