

Building the Act Early Network in Diverse Communities in Minnesota

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Minnesota Act Early History

2011-2015 State systems grant awardee
Building an Act Early delegate network across state and in diverse communities to promote developmental screening and Act Early Campaign.

2013 Minneapolis Somali Autism Spectrum Disorder Prevalence Project
Study examined ASD prevalence rates in Minneapolis while looking closely at ASD rates in the Somali community. Outreach with Somali families with “Learn the Signs. Act Early” message.

Partnership with Minnesota Department of Health
Increase Act Early network in diverse communities state to promote early developmental screening with the MN Act Early Campaign. Provide resource and compensation to delegates.

Project Goals

Goal: To promote early screening and identification of neurodevelopmental disabilities in culturally diverse communities through focused outreach of the LTSAE campaign message.



Act Early Initiatives

What is “Learn the Signs. Act Early.”
CDC’s “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” program aims to improve early identification of children with autism and other developmental disabilities so children and families can get the services and support they need.
The program components include:

- Health education campaign
- Act Early initiative
- Research and evaluation

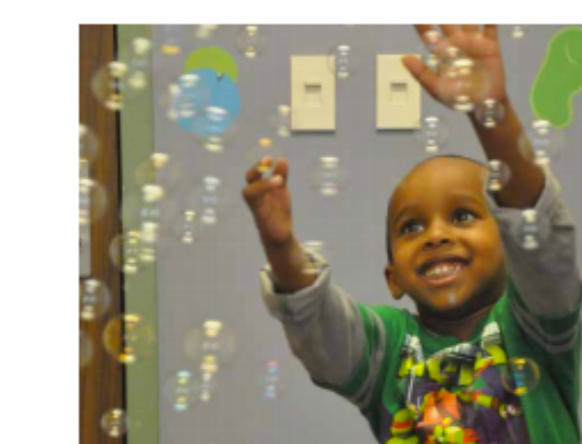


Outreach

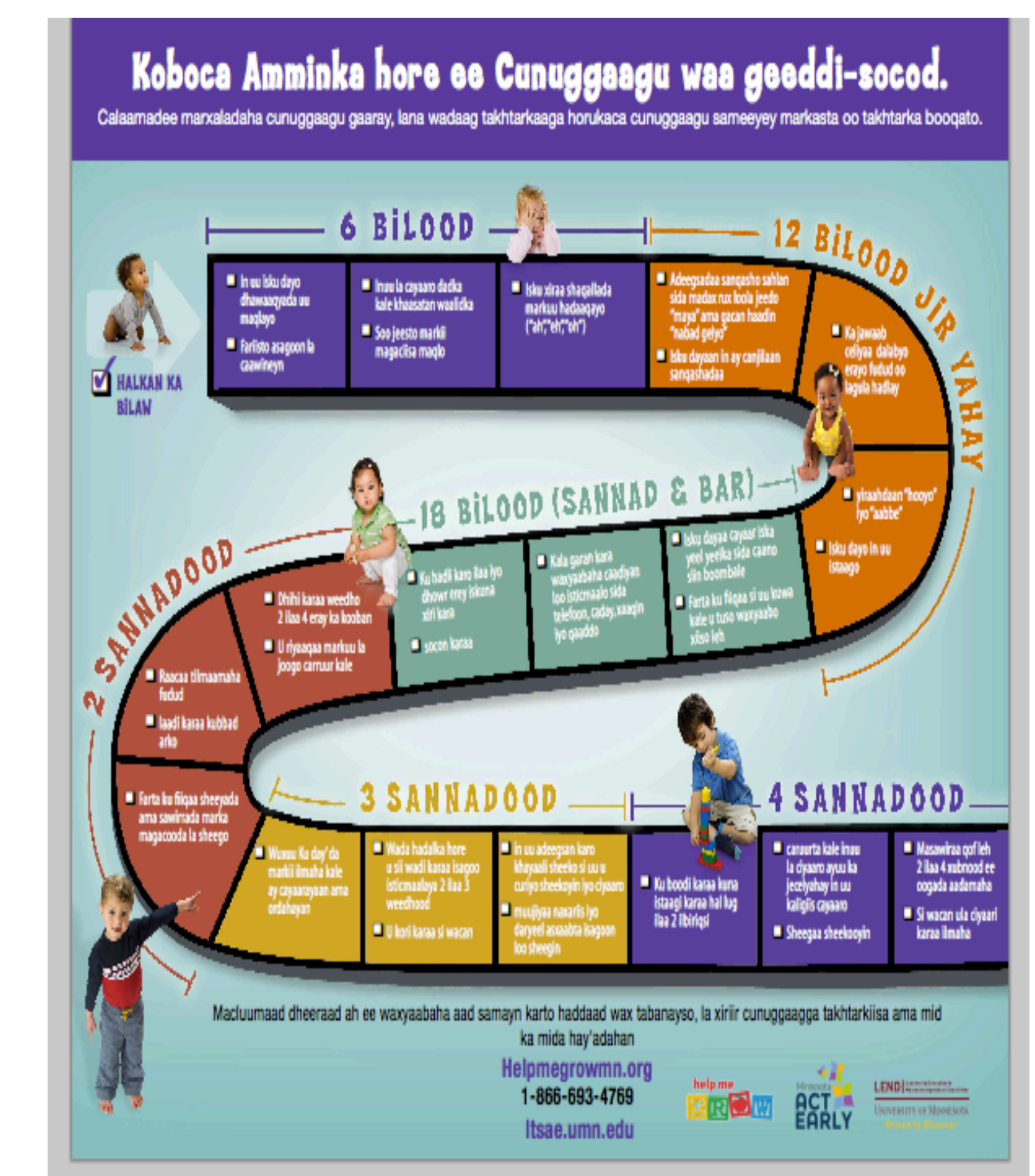
Selected Outreach Activities:

- Webinars promoting to cultural approaches to child development
- Outreach events in diverse communities (Head Start, parent groups, community festivals, child care)
- Recruit Act Early delegates from diverse communities (e.g. Somali, Hmong, Latino)
- Customize Act Early materials for local diverse communities
- Conversation pieces (e.g. Act Early ducks, stress balls) to facilitate conversation about child development

Translated Materials



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