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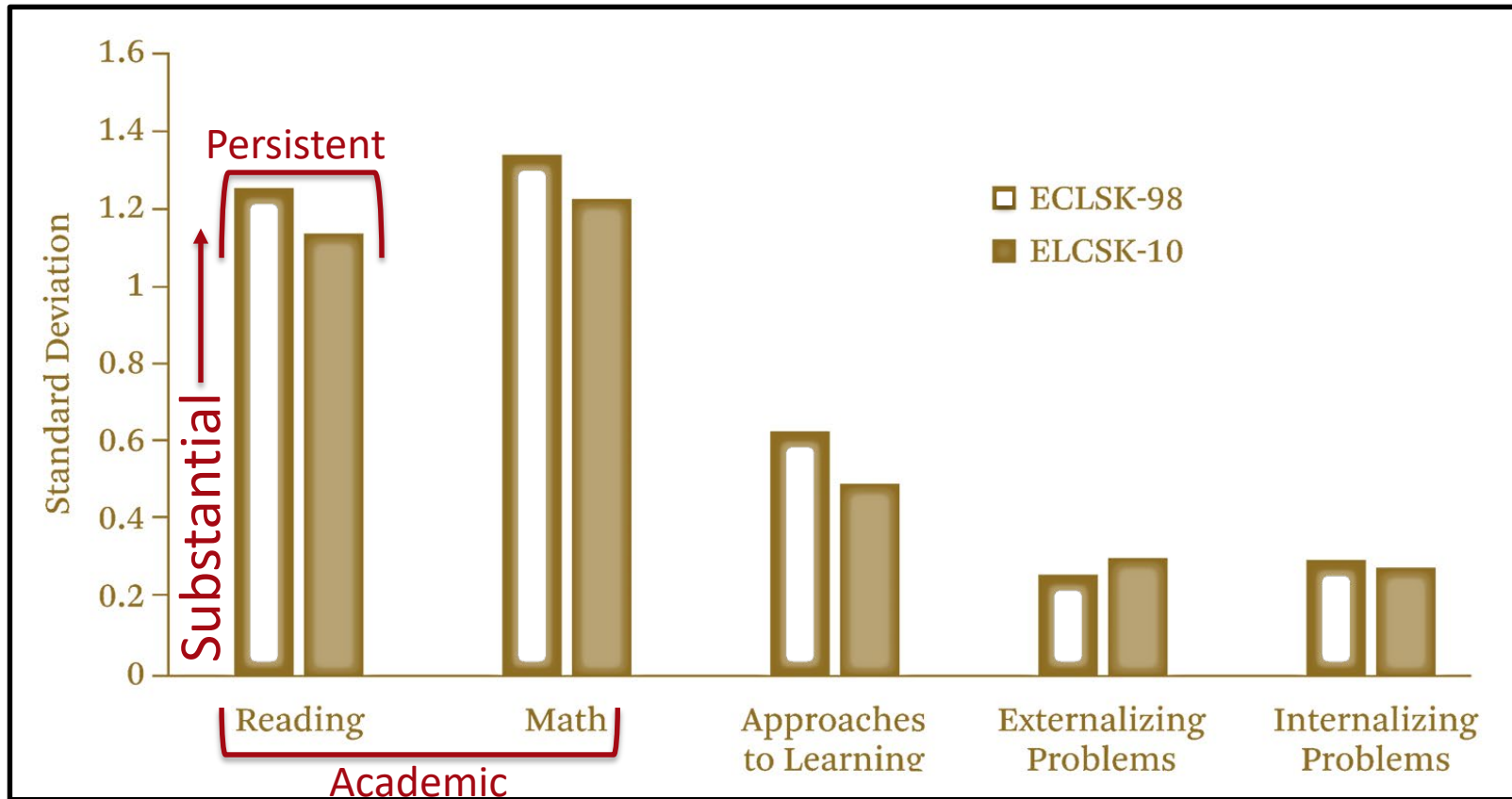
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Partners in Early Learning Family/School Collaboration to Support Young Learners

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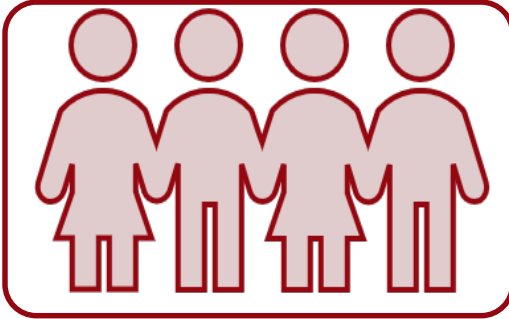
Kindergarten Gaps Between Rich and Poor



Standard deviations separating the top- and bottom- income quintile in Kindergarten readiness measures

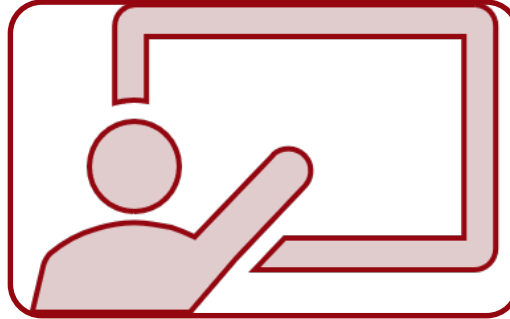
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Three Complementary Approaches



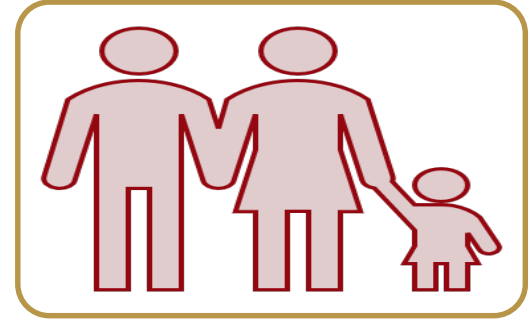
Expansion

Serving more
students in Pre-K



Effectiveness

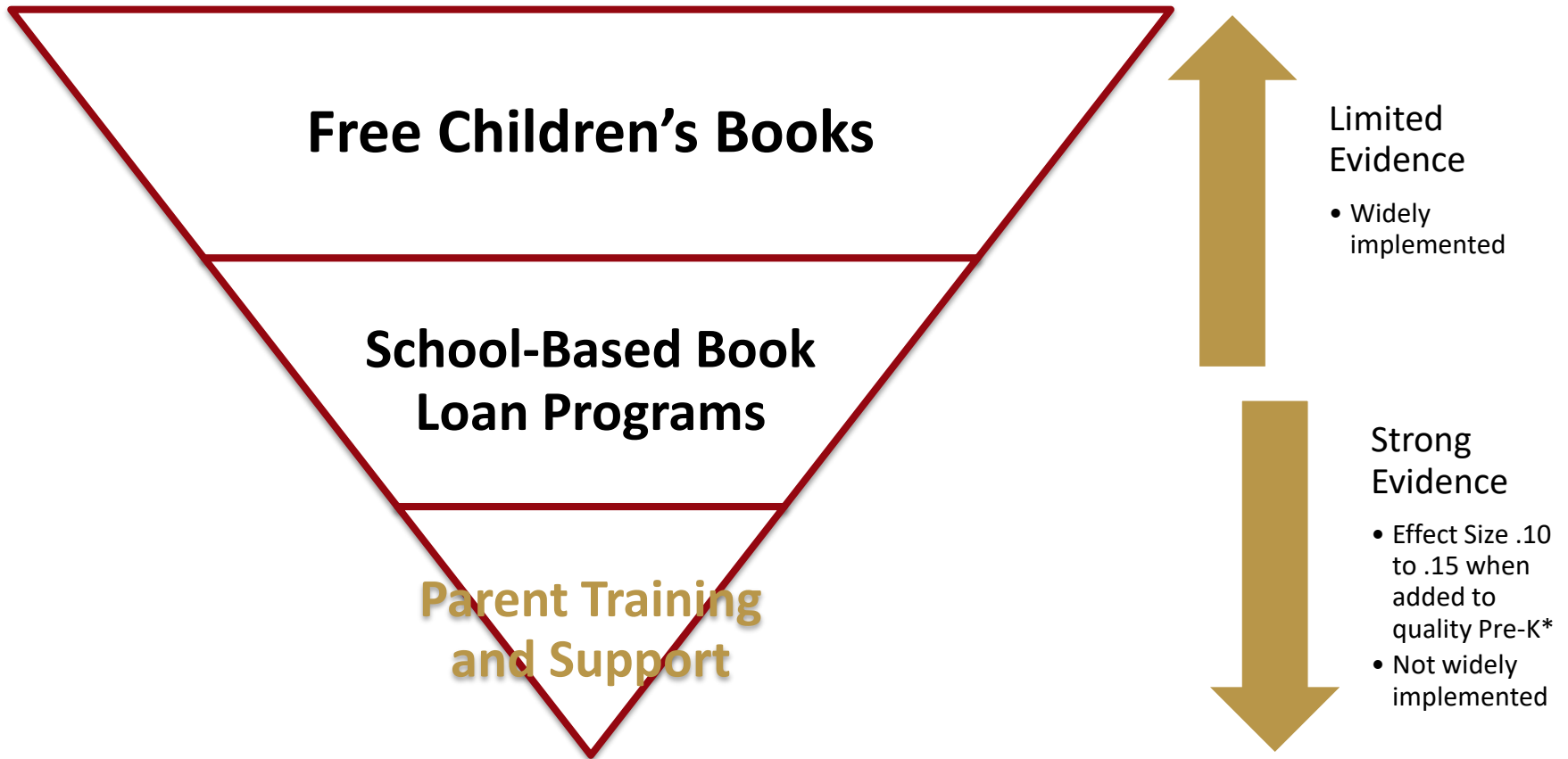
Improving Pre-K
Quality



Partnership

Leveraging parent and
community resources
for early learning

Engaging Parents in Early Literacy



*Anthony, J. L., Williams, J. M., Zhang, Z., Landry, S. H., & Dunkelberger, M. J. (2014). Experimental Evaluation of the Value Added by Raising a Reader and Supplemental Parent Training in Shared Reading. *Early Education and Development*, 25(4), 493–514.

Early Literacy Partnerships In Action



Parent Training Workshops



Relevant book materials



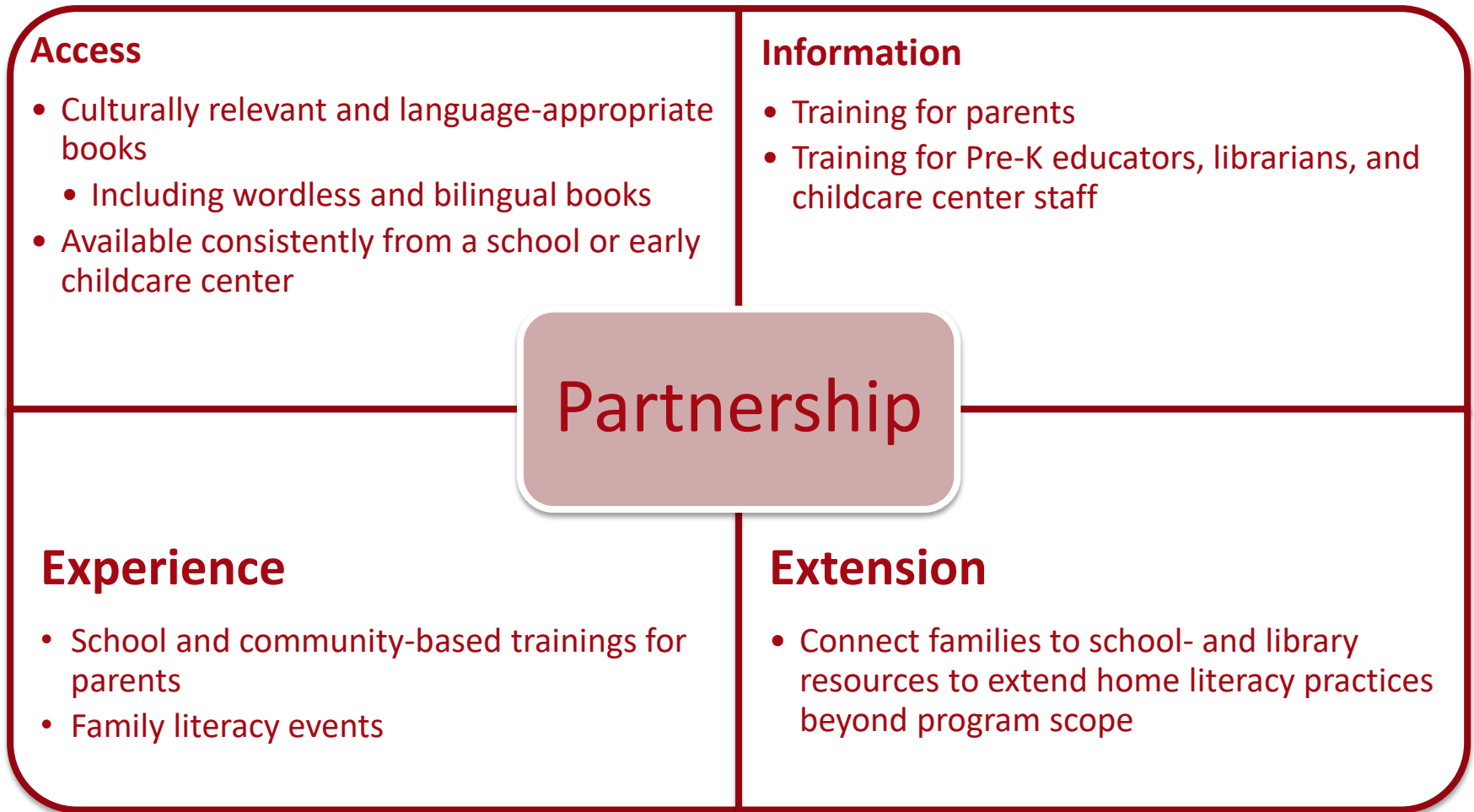
Family Literacy Events



Building children's habits and joy in reading



Components of an Effective Early Literacy Parent Partnership



At Work in Wisconsin and Across the US



Through partners/affiliates, RaR operates in 2,900 locations nationally, serving 126,000 children.

Initial cost: approximately \$110 per student.



TSR is a training program for Pre-K teachers. Experimental evidence showed Raising a Reader + Family Nights is an effective augmentation to this program



BCDI is Raising a Reader's sole Wisconsin affiliate, serving approximately 100 Pre-K children in Milwaukee-area



A similar program to RaR (with added training and engagement programs) in the SF Bay Area, serving 14,835 families weekly, with 8,000+ parents, educators, and childcare providers trained in 2017



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Thank You!

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