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WSRE hosts Achieve Escambia partners on the impact of early learning and school readiness on Escambia County's children and future success



PENSACOLA, Fla., May 11, 2016—Recent reports based on state evaluations say that only 66 percent of Escambia County 5-year-olds are ready for kindergarten. On a new edition of “inStudio” on WSRE, Jeff Weeks will host a discussion addressing this school readiness crisis, its long-term impact on the community, and a new collective effort focused on the success of children from cradle to career. “Rethinking Education: Getting an Early Start on the Road to Success” airs at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12.

Participating in the discussion are representatives from the Achieve Escambia collective impact initiative including Pensacola Police Chief David Alexander III, Shannon Nickinson of Studer Community Institute, Jennifer Grove from Gulf Power Company and Bill Dagnall from Navy Federal Credit Union.

The live broadcast will later be posted for viewing at wsre.org/instudio.

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