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Hi, Mary Laura. The only ranking system which seems to be available for state prekindergarten programs is the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), as Gladys confirmed. Their evaluation of prek programs does not include looking at children's academic performance or kindergarten readiness. The NIEER 2010 State Preschool Yearbook may be accessed at <http://nieer.org/yearbook/>. I created a brief summary attached as well.

Quality Counts provides a state ranking system which spans through grade 12. States are ranked on a "Chance for Success" index. Prekindergarten is considered as a factor in this calculation, however, as a percent of children enrolled rather than readiness for kindergarten. The Quality Counts 2011 press release may be accessed at http://www.edweek.org/media/ew/qc/2011/QualityCounts2011_PressRelease.pdf and the Chance for Success chart is attached.

The following attachments are provided which I hope will be helpful:

Article: The Effects of Preschool Education: What We Know, How Public Policy Is or Is Not Aligned With the Evidence Base, and What We Need to Know (2009)

Article: Transforming Public Education: Pathway to a Pre-K-12 Future (2011)

Article that Gladys shared: Effectiveness of Early Educational Intervention (2011)

Article: Effects of Five State Prekindergarten Programs on Early Learning (2007)

2011 Quality Counts Chance for Success Chart

OPPAGA report on teacher's education level and kindergarten readiness scores in Florida (2011) (not related to state rankings but thought you might be interested in this) This report indicates that teacher education level did not have a substantial influence on kindergarten readiness scores. It is all about the quality of instruction!

National Early Literacy Panel (NELP) Report (2008)

Additional resource which may be helpful:

Pre-K Now's "Votes Count" report, which reviews fiscal year 2011 funding and legislative action on publicly funded pre-kindergarten programs in all 50 states may be accessed at <http://www.preknow.org/votescount/>.

I hope this is what you were looking for? Please let me know if I can pull any other information which will be helpful.

Thanks,
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