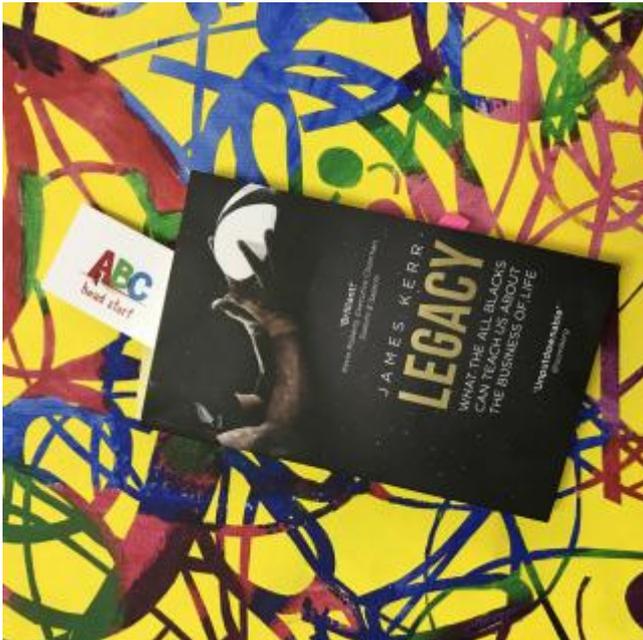


ABC

Head Start Society

Adding To The Legacy



When I was on my little "vacation" from [ABC Head Start Society](#), I had the opportunity to work with some really outstanding leaders. One of these inspirational leaders had an employee book club. He presented books employees could learn and grow from and everyone had the opportunity to be involved. We read some really great books.

The last book I received was [James Kerr's, Legacy](#). It was gifted to me right before I went on my maternity leave. I was in a very busy job and I intentionally took my maternity two months early so I could **RELAX**, take bubble baths, get the baby room ready and read all the books I wanted. Well my son decided that wasn't going to be the plan, and two days after my maternity leave started, my water broke. Needless to say all of the **THINGS** I had **PLANNED**, did not happen. *(To this day, my son's room really isn't "done.")*

I didn't read that book I was gifted because my life went into full **MOM MODE**. But the other day I was thinking about that book and how I should pick it up. I went to the drawer where I thought I had put it and it was exactly where I left it. It even still had the sticky note with my name on it on the cover. I dusted it off and dived in. Now, the full title of the book is *Legacy: What the All Blacks can teach us about the business of life*. For those of you who have never heard of the All Blacks, they hail from New Zealand and they are the most successful rugby team in history. The book draws from their learnings of success and compares them to business and life.

As I am reading it I have pulled some great nuggets of wisdom, but one of the chapters really resonated with me and the work of ABC Head Start Society. When speaking about their fundamental purpose as a team one of the key aspects was that the guys felt it was their responsibility to add to

the legacy. ABC Head Start Society has a rich [history](#). It began in a single location serving 10 children. It was a response to the public health nurses identifying a significant number of children whose social and academic development was delayed as a result of having limited resources. ABC Head Start Society originated in an effort to both remedy gaps in the children's learning experiences and in their parents' parenting skills, ABC - Accessing for Better Care. One amazing individual, Aleda Patterson, had a vision and initiated the project with quality being key.

Aleda's vision was so strong it set the tone of the years to come. As the project grew and expanded and more employees came on, they shared this vision and fundamental purpose. Over 30 years later children and families are at the core of our work. We serve over 430 children and their families each year. We employ around 100 employees. The pride I feel working for ABC Head Start Society is immeasurable. I see the impact we make on children and families every single day. Being part of something so big and so important has always made me strive to do my best work.

The future is bright for ABC Head Start Society. We have a new Executive Director who will be taking us to new heights. And even though I never could have put it into words before I read this book, I have always felt a responsibility to add to the legacy of ABC Head Start Society. So what does the future bring? **STAY TUNED!**

I can say with absolute certainty, we will continue to make this organization better every single year, and no matter what we do we will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of children and families.

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