

inservice training system

Goals

The Kansas Inservice Training System is designed to meet the need for a comprehensive statewide professional development and technical assistance system for early intervention and early childhood special education professionals, paraprofessionals, related services professionals and parents. The framework supporting this system is composed of collaborative linkages, information services, training, and technical assistance. Research-validated strategies and results-based professional development are addressed at three levels of training – Proactive/General Issues Staff Development, Focused Staff Development, and Intensive Staff Development. The project's goals are accomplished through activities such as results-based training; a summer institute; dissemination of information through a quarterly newsletter, web site, and listserv provision of district and program technical assistance, development of focused self-study new teacher, new administrator and technical assistance packets, the identification of exemplary practices in the state, and the management of an early childhood resource center whose materials are accessible through an online searchable database.

- 1 Sustaining collaborative partnerships between state agencies, IHE, LEAs and professional organizations working in the area of early childhood.
- 2 Development and dissemination of effective and research-based practice materials.
- 3 Increasing the knowledge, skills and capacity of individuals and/or organizations across the state through results-based training and technical assistance.
- 4 Contribute to the development of state level guidance documents, processes, and training materials.

System Components and Activities

Collaboration/Linkages

Collaboration with State Organizations

Involved in Training Central to Early Childhood Services

Co-Sponsor Training Events

Collaboration with other State Agency Programs Central to Early Childhood Services

Co-Sponsor Conferences

Training

Summer Institute

General Issues Staff Development

Focused Staff Development

Intensive Staff Development

Head Start/Early Head Start Collaboration Meeting

Transitioning into Developmentally Appropriate Practices Strand at the KSDE Annual Conference

Information Services

List Service for Infant-Toddler Networks and Preschool Programs-register at:
kskits.org/html/listserv/listservices.html

Online Collaborative Training Calendar- kskits.org/ktc

Early Childhood Resource Center-kskits.org/ecrc

Web Page-kskits.org

Best Practices Community Profiles

Quarterly Newsletter

Technical Assistance

Individual TA Plans

Information Packets on Specific Topics-
Many available at
kskits.org/html/ta/tapackets.html

New Teacher/Interventionist Support-
Information Packets

New Administrator/Service Coordinator Support-
Information Packets

Consultation/Cross Program Visitation