

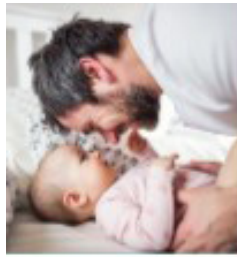


Early Childhood Block Grant

Funding for ECBG is provided by the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund for programs that serve young children and their families while also improving school readiness for those considered at-risk. A systematic approach using the Blueprint for Early Childhood focuses on Healthy Development, Strong Families and Early Learning. Programs are positioned to account for the unique context of families and utilizing evidence-based or innovative interventions to address specific needs. Common measures provide a statewide picture of impact.

The Smart Start Northwest Kansas Project

serves families and children age 0 to 5 within the 12 northwestern-most Kansas counties, covering 20 school districts. Through Smart Start, Early Childhood Block Grant funding supports five programs.



Attachment & Biobehavioral Catch-Up

The ABC program is a parent/child treatment approach which targets families with children aged 6 to 24 months old. Designed to help caregivers provide nurturing care, the program encourages synchronous interactions between caregiver and child.



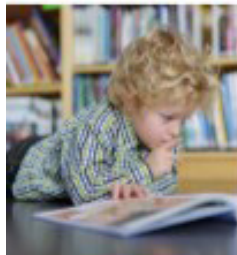
Preschool & Early Learning Infrastructure

Implemented in USD preschools and daycares, this program supplements the scientifically-based *Read It Again - PreK!* curriculum to develop and strengthen children's early foundations in language and literacy.



Nurturing Parenting

Led by Certified Parent Educators, this program offers individual and/or group support classes featuring activities to foster parenting skills and nurturing behaviors; to promote healthy physical and emotional development; and, to teach appropriate role and developmental expectations.



Every Child Ready to Read @ Kids Port

With a goal of increasing 4th grade reading levels at USD #315, this program targets children and families enrolled at two childcare facilities in Colby: Kids Port and Kids Port 2.



Play and Learning Strategies - Infant

At-risk families, with infants, who meet the ECBG criteria benefits from this program which strengthens parent-child bonding and stimulates children's early language, cognitive and social development.

