Early Childhood tiny-k Update

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Lawrence Public Schools Early Childhood Program

birth to kindergarten age eligible

tiny-k Early Intervention of Douglas County
-8 certified providers, in-home services, approximately 200 families

4 year old At-Risk Classrooms
-5 classrooms, 80 students served

Parents As Teachers
-4 Parent Educators, playgroups, community connections

Special Education 3-5 year olds
-7 50/50 classrooms, 1 100% SpEd classroom, Community Services, Services by appointment
Early Childhood Structure

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tiny-k Special Education Part C

Parents As Teachers

4 year old At-Risk

Early Childhood Special Education Part B
tiny-k Overview

• July 2, 2018 tiny-k Early Intervention of Douglas County officially began a service program of Lawrence Public Schools

• Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) provides special education services to families for students birth to 3 years old who qualify as having a delay and/or disability
  • Comprehensive specialized services are offered to parents (at no cost) to support individualized student needs

• Services occur in a child’s own environment - where they live, learn,
tiny-k Positions

- Three Speech and Language Pathologists
  - One vacancy posted
- Two EC Special Education Teachers
- One Occupational Therapist
- One Physical Therapist
- Half time Coordinator
- One Administrative Assistant
New to tiny-k

• Lawrence Public Schools Website
  www.usd497.org/tiny-k
• Program move in progress
  • New space in East Heights Building early childhood wing
• As of July 2, 2018
  • 8 employees hired with devices
  • Beginning of the year professional development completed
  • Actively providing services to families and children
Items for exploration

- Year round services
- Comprehensive Early Childhood Program
- New state regulations and program assurances
- Collaboration with Kansas Inservice Training System (state consultant on process, procedures, and practice birth to three)
Looking forward to...

- Offering quality services to families beginning at birth
- Streamlining services for families transitioning from Part A to Part B services
- Blending services and family opportunities (i.e. playground and play space)
- Maximizing resources for all of Early Childhood as well as seamless services beginning at birth
- Maximizing collaboration and professional development opportunities
The Early Childhood Department looks forward to future opportunities to share our strengths, challenges, and support.

Questions?

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