

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN PILOT SITES  
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<b>Program</b>	<b>PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRANTS 2007-08 Project Summaries</b>	<b>Counties Served and Target Population</b>
<p><b>Geary County PreK Pilot Project</b></p> <p>Pat Anderson, Project Director USD 475 Geary County Schools 123 N. Eisenhower Road Junction City, KS 66441 Phone: 785-717-4027 Grant No. <b>PREK-2006-01</b></p>	<p>Geary County USD 475 provides four-year old preschool program in four classrooms. Seventy-two low income, military connected, English Language Learners (ELL), teen and single parent children will be served, including identified special education students. Qualified staff, a researched-based curriculum, and collaborative support from community agencies functioning through Smart Start will be hallmarks of the project.</p>	<p><u>Geary County</u></p> <p>Central Kansas community adjacent to Fort Riley, United States Army installation – 72 four-year olds meeting identified at-risk criteria.</p>
<p><b>Johnson County PreK Pilot Project</b></p> <p>Betsy Degen, Director of Curriculum &amp; Instruction/ Project Director USD 512 Shawnee Mission Schools 4401 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Shawnee Mission, KS 66207 Phone: 913-993-8653 Grant No. <b>PREK-2006-02</b></p>	<p>Shawnee Mission SMART Start (Science, Math and Reading Time) is a Pre-Kindergarten readiness program designed to assist four year old students in building the background and behaviors for a successful transition to kindergarten. Students will be enrolled in a structured, caring environment that focuses on readiness skills using an interactive, developmentally appropriate curriculum.</p>	<p><u>Johnson County</u></p> <p>Johnson County, Target Populations: Free and reduced lunch, ELL. Number impacted: approximately 40.</p>
<p><b>Reno County PreK Pilot Project</b></p> <p>Wanda Grubb, Project Director Terri Eisiminger, Vice President-Administration Hutchinson Community Foundation Post Office Box 298 Hutchinson, KS 67504-0298 Phone: 620-669-5047 Grant No. <b>PREK-2006-03</b></p>	<p>Reno County will initiate community-based classrooms serving about 120 additional four-year old children. The PreK Pilot will increase the number of child slots, create preschool access equity throughout the entire county, and implement Developmentally Appropriate Programming to meet the State Standards. Reno County currently serves about 400 four to five year old PreK students.</p>	<p><u>Reno County</u></p> <p>Target Population is 120 new slots for children in Reno County and expansion and enhancement of the current four-year old programs.</p>
<p><b>Sedgwick County PreK Pilot Project</b></p> <p>Kelly Hayes, Project Director Kansas Children’s Service League Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council 1365 N. Custer Wichita, KS 67203 Phone: 316-942-4261 ext. 1330 Grant No. <b>PREK-2006-04</b></p>	<p>The Sedgwick County PreK Pilot will provide a full-day experience for children across the Wichita Metro Area. The project will have an emphasis on serving children who are identified as “at-risk” using the PreK standards in conjunction with established program standards. Family Service Specialists will act as project liaisons and provide family services to participating children and their families.</p>	<p><u>Sedgwick County</u></p> <p>Sedgwick County, approximately 190 four-year olds meeting identified at-risk criteria.</p>
<p><b>Shawnee County PreK Pilot Project</b></p> <p><b>Kate Hamilton, Director of Children &amp; Youth Initiatives United Way of Greater Topeka 1315 Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604 Phone: 785-228-5122 Grant No. PREK-2006-05</b></p>	<p>In partnership with two school districts, Head Start and a faith based community pre-school, the Shawnee County PreK project collaboration proposes to enhance and extend over a dozen classrooms as part of the state pilot project. This project will also result in improved learning experiences for approximately 175 four-year olds at risk and provide outreach and support for their families as they engage in their children’s educational</p>	<p><u>Counties Served</u></p> <p><u>Shawnee County</u> <u>Shawnee County’s target population is four-year olds identified as at-risk in the county. The project proposes to serve an estimated 175 children and their families.</u></p>

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<p><b>Wyandotte County PreK Pilot Project</b></p> <p><b>Marylee Griffiths, Lead Preschool Coordinator/Project Director</b>  <b>USD 500, Kansas City KS Public Schools</b>  <b>4601 State Avenue, Suite 38/sped</b>  <b>Kansas City, KS 66102</b>  <b>Phone: 913-627-4806</b>  <b>E-mail: magriff@kckps.org</b>  <b>Grant No. PREK-2006-06</b></p>	<p>experience.</p> <p>Leaders from multiple agencies will collaborate together in providing on the job, professional development for PreK classrooms located in Johnson and Wyandotte county. The project classrooms will have the opportunity to raise their level of education along with the job embedded professional development. Classrooms will have access to an instructional coach who will model instructional strategies and guide them in their self-reflection and content knowledge.</p>	<p><u>Wyandotte County</u></p> <p><u>Wyandotte County's target population is four-year olds identified as at-risk; an estimated 170 children and their families.</u></p>
<p><b>The Opportunity Project Learning Centers Prek</b></p> <p><b>Janice Smith, Executive Director</b>  <b>4600 South Clifton</b>  <b>Wichita, KS 67216</b>  <b>316-440-2788 ext. 203 or 316-749-4901</b>  <b>Grant No. PREK-2007-07</b></p>	<p>TOP Learning Centers is dedicated to providing early learning opportunities and kindergarten readiness for children falling under existing Head Start, 4-year old at-risk and SRS populations.</p>	<p><u>Wichita, Kansas area</u></p> <p><u>Serving lowest income areas of Wichita, Kansas, at existing at-risk educational daycare and preschool learning centers. Approximately 325 children.</u></p> <p><u>Services are offered in eight of its 18 existing classrooms by extending hours of service.</u></p>
<p><b>Douglas County Child Development Association</b></p> <p><b>Anna Jenny, Executive Director</b>  <b>935 Iowa Street, Suite 7</b>  <b>Lawrence, KS 66044</b>  <b>785-842-9679</b>  <b>Grant No. PREK-2007-08</b></p>	<p>Douglas County PreK Pilot will equalize the prekindergarten experience across programs by setting uniform standards for delivery of the educational experience. Each classroom will have access to an arts program to embed learning standards across all domains, enhance learning skills and brain development.</p>	<p><u>Douglas County</u></p> <p><u>Serving 90 children in six classrooms.</u></p>

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<p><b>Family Resource Center- Crawford County Pilot PreK</b></p> <p><b>Monica Murnan, Executive Director</b> <b>Family Resource Center Inc.</b> <b>1700 N. Locust</b> <b>Pittsburg, KS 66762</b> <b>620-235-3150</b> <b>Grant No. PREK-2007-09</b></p>	<p>Crawford County will provide high quality prekindergarten programming to four-year old children in Frontenac, Northeast (Arma) and Pittsburg Public Schools working with the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center and Family Resource Center Inc. to maximize resources.</p>	<p><u>Crawford County</u></p> <p><u>Serving 60 four-year olds in Frontenac, Northeast (Arma) and Pittsburg Public Schools.</u></p>
<p><b>South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative (South Central PreK Pilot)</b></p> <p>Peggy Stucky, Project Coordinator Kingman Elementary 607 N. Spruce Kingman, KS 67068 620-532-3186 <b>Grant No. PREK-2007-10</b></p>	<p>SCKSEC Pilot PreK will initiate five school-based and five community-based classrooms serving up to 138 additional four-year-old children. Grant will provide service to a high rate of at-risk, economically disadvantaged students.</p>	<p><u>Counties Served</u> <u>Barber, Comanche,</u> <u>Kingman Counties &amp;</u> <u>Greensburg (Kiowa</u> <u>County)</u></p>
<p><b>Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center (Ford County PreK Pilot)</b></p> <p>Julie Hines Bright Beginnings ECH Center 200 W. Commanche, Suite A Dodge City, Kansas 67801 620-227-1614 <b>Grant No. PREK-2007-11</b></p>	<p>USD 443 BB ECH serves approximately 500 children ages zero to seven years old, braiding several funding sources, including Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant Even Start, Four Year Old At-Risk and now PREK, all day. All families receive social services, health, mental health, nutrition and both parent and child educational services.</p>	<p><u>Dodge City (Ford</u> <u>County)</u></p>
<p><b>USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden (Manhattan Community PreK Pilot)</b></p> <p>Dr. Stan Ward, Administrator Pam Russell, Executive Director, Sp Educ. USD 383 Manhattan 2031 Poyntz Avenue Manhattan, Kansas 66502 785-587-2000 <b>Grant No. PREK-2007-12</b></p>	<p>A collaborative Manhattan-Ogden PreK Pilot to provide educational and daycare services for 60 four-year old children who qualify under grant guidelines. Children of active duty military are a particular target for recruitment. A continuum of educational and daycare services will be provided by USD 383 and community daycare providers in shared locations throughout the course of a day in order to alleviate the need for student transport during mid-day.</p>	<p>Manhattan/Ogden and surrounding areas within the USD 383 school district of Riley County.</p>