

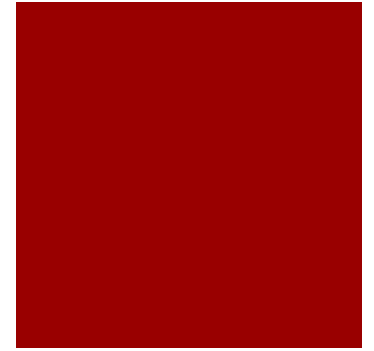


Texas School Ready!

Ready for School, Ready for Life

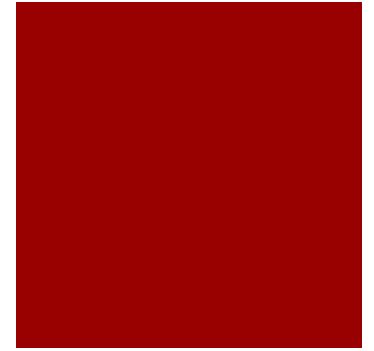
Presentation to the El Paso City Council
March 19, 2013

Background



- Recognizing the importance of quality early childhood educational experiences to help low-income children close the school readiness gap, the Texas Legislature in 2003 created the *Texas Early Education Model*, now known as the *Texas School Ready! Project*.
- Developed and implemented by the Children's Learning Institute, at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

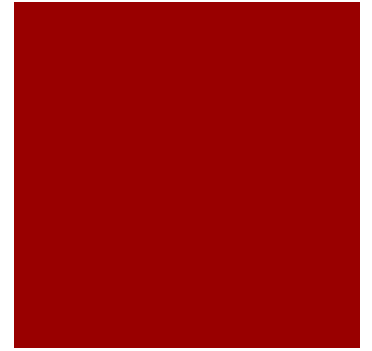
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- Developed with funding from:
 - Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
 - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 - U.S. Department of Education
 - Texas Education Agency (TEA)
 - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Background

- Based on more than a decade of research on how children learn best
- Independently tested and verified as effective in closing the school readiness gap
- Recognized in national publications and peer-reviewed journals



The Texas School Ready! Approach

- Three evidence-based components:

- 1) Research-based curriculum
- 2) Technology-driven child progress monitoring
- 3) Facilitated teacher professional development with mentoring

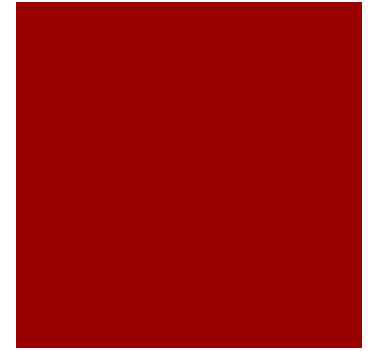


Impact

- Teachers participating in TSR! increase the use of language building activities and emergent literacy instructional practices with children
- Children participating in TSR! show greater increases in language skills and emergent literacy understanding



Impact: 2012-2013



Statewide

1,322 schools

2,442 teachers

2,429 classrooms

42,542 students

El Paso

58 schools

104 teachers

104 classrooms

2,701 students

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