



Where Can Early Childhood Educators Look For Employment?

Early Childhood Programs/Settings

The settings listed below are separated according to typical descriptions or program names.

Please be aware that not all settings described below have been approved for use to upgrade or renew a teaching license.

Refer to 'Early Childhood Programs/Settings Acceptable as "Accredited Experiences" related to Licensure upgrade/renewal' for approved settings.

INFANT TODDLER

Birth to Age Three

Early Head Start Early Head Start is primarily a home visiting program but can be center-based. It provides early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services to:

- low-income infants and toddlers and their families
- pregnant women and their families

To locate Early Head Start programs in Kansas: www.ksheadstart.org/locations

Healthy Families America Healthy Families America is a recognized evidence-based home visiting program model designed to assist new parents who face multiple stress factors. Providers meet with the family on a regularly basis, usually once a week. Services can begin during pregnancy and continue until the child is five years of age. **Not approved for use to renew or upgrade teaching license.**

Healthy Families America services provided by Kansas Children's Service League (www.kcsl.org/HealthyFamilies.aspx) and some local health departments.

Healthy Start Home Visitor Services Healthy Start Home Visitor Services is a program under Maternal and Child Health services in which home visits are provided to pregnant women and families with newborns. In-home services focus on:

- Education (parenting and problem solving)
- Support (preventative health care information)
- Referral to other community services

Administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment through local health departments (www.kdheks.gov/c-f/healthy.html).

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Licensed Child Care Center Licensed Child Care Center, Home or Group Home settings (centers, including school district centers and homes) provide care for children under the age of 12, unattended by parent/guardian, for the purpose of providing the children with food or lodging. Current practices include provision of learning activities. **Only Child Care Centers that meet the criteria listed on "Acceptable Settings" document can be used to upgrade/renew a teaching license.**

Licensing administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/gen_info.html).

Parents as Teachers (PAT) PAT is an evidence-based home visiting program designed to provide parenting education. The curriculum supports parents with the skills and knowledge they need to help make the best decisions regarding their child's education. Services include:

- Personal Home Visits
- Group Connections
- Developmental, Vision, Hearing and Health Screenings
- Community Referrals

Administered by the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=534).

Kansas Infant-Toddler/tiny-k/IDEA Part C* Kansas Infant-Toddler/tiny-k/IDEA Part C* is a program that provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth through 2) and their families through the development of an Individualized Family Service Plan. Services include:

- Service Coordination
- Evaluation/Assessment
- 17 Early Intervention Services provided in a primary provider-team approach

Administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (www.ksits.org).



EARLY CHILDHOOD *Age Three through Kindergarten*

<p>Early Childhood Special Education Services*</p>	<p>Early Childhood Special Education Services* (<i>Part B/619 of IDEA</i>) is a (co-teaching, support services - itinerant/consultative, resource room, self-contained classrooms) program that provides a free appropriate public education, special education and related services for children with disabilities ages three through five. Services may be provided through a variety of service delivery models with each child having an individualized education plan. Administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=528).</p>
<p>Kindergarten*</p>	<p>Kindergarten* in a public or private school program that supports the learning and development of kindergarten-aged children (typically five-year-olds) through developmentally appropriate, data-driven instructional practices and curriculum that focus on ensuring success in school. Public and accredited private programs are administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=533).</p>
<p>Healthy Families America</p>	<p>Healthy Families America is a recognized evidence-based home visiting program model designed to assist new parents who face multiple stress factors. Providers meet with the family on a regularly basis, usually once a week. Services can begin during pregnancy and continue until the child is five years of age. Not approved for use to renew or upgrade teaching license.</p> <p>Healthy Families America services provided by Kansas Children’s Service League (www.kcsl.org/HealthyFamilies.aspx) and some local health departments.</p>
<p>Kansas Preschool Program*</p>	<p>Kansas Preschool Program* is a program that provides a high quality early learning experience for young children in the year before they are eligible to enter kindergarten and is designed to ensure that children enter kindergarten ready to succeed. Kansas Preschool Program classrooms include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Pre-Kindergarten classrooms ● Early Childhood Special Education classrooms ● Head Start classrooms ● Classrooms for four-year-olds in licensed Child Care Centers <p>Administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=555).</p>
<p>Licensed Child Care Center</p>	<p>Licensed Child Care Center, Home or Group Home settings (centers, including school district centers and homes) provide care for children under the age of 12, unattended by parent/guardian, for the purpose of providing the children with food or lodging. Current practices include provision of learning activities. Only Child Care Centers that meet the criteria listed on “Acceptable Settings” document can be used to upgrade/renew a teaching license.</p> <p>Licensing administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/gen_info.html).</p>
<p>Head Start</p>	<p>Head Start is a program that promotes the school readiness of young children from low-income families through agencies in their local community. Head Start programs support the mental, social and emotional development of children from age 3 to age 5. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social and other services. Administered as direct grantees of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs).</p> <p>To locate Head Start programs in Kansas: www.ksheadstart.org/locations</p>
<p>Licensed Community Preschool</p>	<p>Licensed Community Preschool is a non-school based program that provides learning experiences for children (30 months or older) who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten and has a comprehensive and coordinated plan of activities providing for the education, care, protection and development of children. Licensing administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/child_care.html).</p>
<p>Parents as Teachers (PAT)</p>	<p>Some PAT programs provide services for children age 3 to kindergarten. Administered by the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=534).</p>
<p>School District Preschool Program/State Pre-K Program*</p>	<p>State Pre-K Program* a school-based program that provides a high quality early learning experience for young children in the year before they are eligible to enter kindergarten and is designed to ensure that children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed. Administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=555).</p>
<p>Special Education Kindergarten*</p>	<p>Special Education Services in Kindergarten* (co-teaching, support service – itinerant/consultative, resource room, self-contained classrooms) special education and related services that are provided to children age eligible for kindergarten. Services may be provided through a variety of service delivery models with each child having an individualized education plan. Administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=506).</p>



PRIMARY GRADES

Grade 1 to Grade 3

General Education Grade 1, 2, 3*

General Education Grade 1, 2, 3* educational services provided by either public school districts or private schools in the general education grades of first through third. Administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=533).

Special Education Grades 1, 2, 3*

Special Education in Grades 1, 2, 3* (co-teaching, support service – itinerant/consultative, integrated service, resource room, self-contained classroom): special education and related services that are provided to children age eligible for grades one through three. Services may be provided through a variety of service delivery models with each child having an individualized education plan. Public schools are administered under the Kansas State Department of Education (<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=506>).

* Kansas State Department of Education teacher license required