



Kansas' most trusted child care resource.

Infant/Toddler Services

What are Infant/Toddler Services?

The Infant/Toddler Project began in 1999 with a mission to:

- Improve child care for children in Kansas
- Increase the availability of high-quality child care for families in Kansas

The Infant/Toddler Project provides child care providers with technical assistance, outreach support, professional development opportunities, peer learning group meetings, and resource library materials. By engaging in each of these activities, child care providers are better equipped with the tools necessary to improve child care quality while also increasing availability. Over time additional specialized focus areas have developed through a variety of funding streams. These specialized focus areas include:

- *Strengthening Families* – Focuses on providing child care providers and families of infants and toddlers with the tools necessary to decrease the risk factors for child abuse and neglect.
- *Quality Steps* – Focuses on increasing the quality of child care in programs, as well as serving as a first point of contact for all new child care providers in the state. Services are delivered by Quality Outreach Specialists.
- *Infant/Toddler Project* – Focuses on serving as the first point of contact for all new child care providers in the state; work with child care providers who request technical assistance and are not participating in another Quality Initiative Project/Program.

Strengthening Families

- Empowers providers and families with infants & toddlers with the tools necessary to decrease the risk factors for child abuse and neglect.

Quality Steps

- Increases the quality of child care, and serves as a first point of contact for new child care providers.

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- Supports providers in increasing the quality of care for infants & toddlers by providing training and technical assistance.

New Provider Support

- Supports providers in establishing good business practices, including professional resource kits and lending library services.