

## CLI ANNOUNCES *TEXAS SCHOOL READY! PROJECT* GRANT AWARDS

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Through the support of the Texas Legislature, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Workforce Commission, the Children's Learning Institute's State Center for Early Childhood Development at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2009-2010 *Texas School Ready! Project* grants. *Texas School Ready! Project* grants support the integration of public school districts, Head Start and child care programs to ensure that at-risk three- and four-year old children develop a critical foundation for school readiness and success in Kindergarten and later years. Recipients of *Texas School Ready! Project* grant funding will implement an effective research-based approach to improve children's school readiness that includes: research-based curriculum from the state adopted list; child progress monitoring to inform instruction; on-going professional development with mentoring for teachers; and participation in the Texas School Readiness Certification System.

Based on a competitive review, the State Center has awarded 29 grants and all recipients will be contacted to discuss numbers of classrooms, logistics and next steps in the process. Please contact Layne Waxley at (713) 500-3730 or via email at [Thomas.L.Waxley@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Thomas.L.Waxley@uth.tmc.edu) if you have further questions.

### Grant Recipients

**Grant Period: September 1, 2009-August 31, 2010**

Subject to final authorization of legislative and state agency budgets, the following lead agencies and their community partners will receive a grant:

Amarillo College  
Austin Independent School District  
Beaumont Independent School District  
Carrizo Springs Affordable Housing Inc.  
Child Care Associates  
Child Care Group  
Collaborative for Children  
College Station Independent School District  
Dallas Independent School District  
Education Service Center, Region 2  
Education Service Center, Region 7  
Education Service Center, Region 8  
Education Service Center, Region 18  
Education Service Center, Region, 19  
Family Services Association  
Harlandale Independent School District  
Kids 'R' Kids Group-Houston  
Partnership between Forde-Hardeman-Knox TSR Collaboration and Bowie Independent School District  
Partnership between Education Service Center, Region 10 and Quinlan Independent School District  
Sam Houston State University  
San Angelo Independent School District  
San Antonio Independent School District  
San Jacinto College  
Teaching Mentoring Communities (Laredo)  
Teaching Mentoring Communities (McAllen)  
Victoria Independent School District

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas  
Workforce Solutions Cameron  
YWCA Lubbock