



San Antonio School Readiness Efforts Pay Off for Children and Teachers

San Antonio is one of the longest-served Texas School Ready (TSR) communities in Texas! TSR is an innovative program that aims to increase children’s school readiness through five evidence-driven components: research-based curriculum, technology-driven child progress monitoring, facilitated teacher professional development, ongoing teacher coaching, and sustainability. The model has been praised nationally by early education leaders such as Robert Pianta, Bruce Fuller, and Sara Mead to name a few.

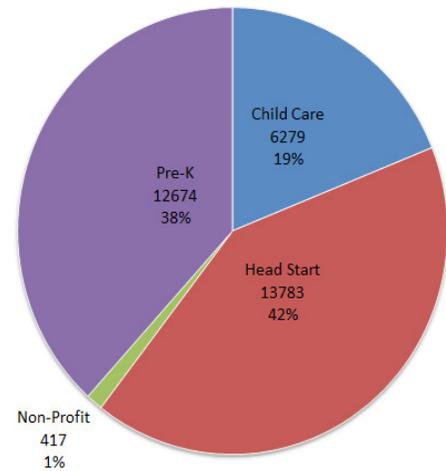
TSR focuses on teacher behavior in the classroom, the quality of instruction, and importance of the environment early education takes place in. As such, the Texas School Ready project ensures that the vehicles that have the greatest potential for positive impact on child outcomes (teachers and environment) receive attention and proper resources in order to improve the quality of early childhood programs.

Since the beginning of the project in 2003, TSR has partnered with sites across Texas to implement the program with preschool teachers. In fact, TSR has served approximately 33,000 children and 1,900 teachers in a variety of settings in the San Antonio area since 2008. We are proud to partner with Family Service Association a TSR Lead Agent for 2015-2017!

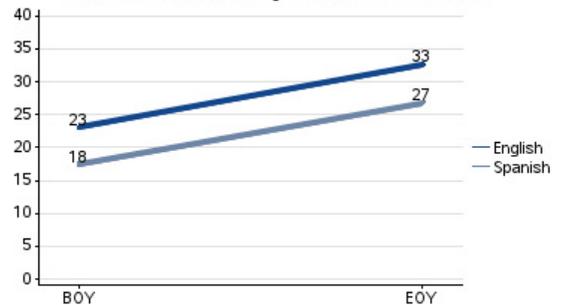
The graphs on this page show data from San Antonio TSR classrooms last year. Children show steady growth in key predictors of literacy development like identifying letters in the alphabet and understanding phonological patterns like rhymes and alliteration. These are important school readiness skills that help children be more successful when they get to kindergarten.

As illustrated in the charts to the right, children in San Antonio TSR classrooms show considerable gains in skill development in both English and Spanish from the beginning of the school year (BOY) to the end of the school year (EOY)!

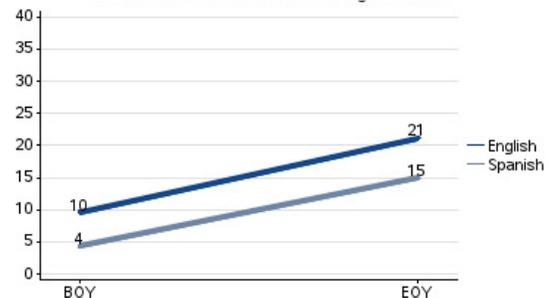
San Antonio Students Served in TSR Since 2008



Student Gains in Phonological Awareness San Antonio, 2014-2015



Student Gains in Letter Knowledge San Antonio, 2014-2015



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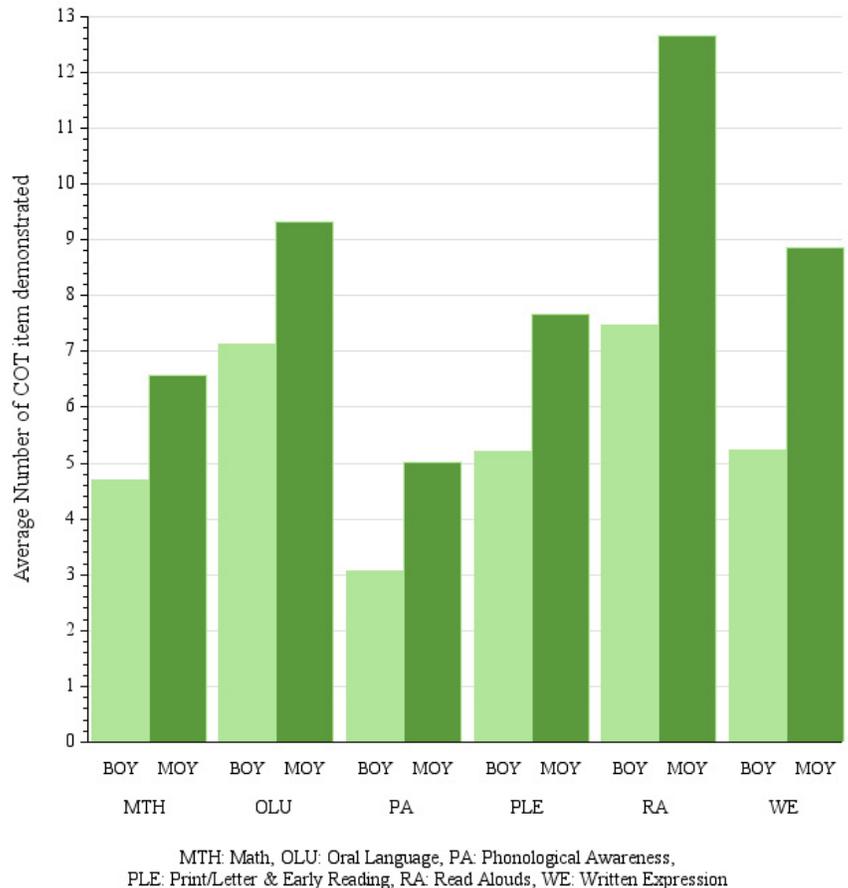
San Antonio Area School Readiness Efforts Pay Off for Children and Teachers

At the heart of TSR is the desire to increase teachers' use of evidence-based practices and improve the quality of teacher-child interactions. Using cutting-edge techniques like data-driven coaching in the classroom, TSR is able to move outcomes in a positive direction. Pre-k teachers in San Antonio have shown dramatic changes after just a few months of participation in the project. Improvements have been documented across all content areas related to key early childhood indicators!

Teachers who have participated in TSR have expressed the tremendous impact the project has had on their classroom instruction and professional growth. Susan Solis, a teacher at the Stafford Early Childhood Education Center in San Antonio, explained:

“Even though I am an experienced teacher, I have learned many new ideas from my TSR training so far this year. As a lifelong learner, I am always open to new ideas. Through the formal training and informal sharing with my fellow TSR teachers and with my coaches, I have learned new ways of teaching old concepts. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to learn new ways to teach our young children. Our children deserve the best that we can give them!”

Teacher Gains in the Use of Instructional Strategies
San Antonio, 2014-2015



As illustrated in the graph above, San Antonio TSR teachers increase the quality of their practices from the beginning of the school year (BOY) to the middle of the school year (MOY)!

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