



El Paso School Readiness Efforts Pay Off for Children and Teachers

El Paso is one of the longest-served Texas School Ready 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.

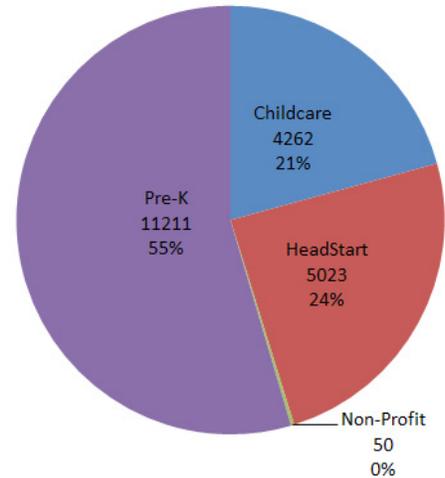
TSR focuses on teacher behavior in the classroom, the quality of instruction, and importance of the environment early education takes place in. As such, the Texas School Ready project ensures that the vehicles that have the greatest potential for positive impact on child outcomes (teachers and environment) 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 20,000 children and 900 teachers in a variety of settings in the El Paso area! We are proud to continue working with Region 19 Education Service Center as a TSR Lead Agent for 2015-2017!

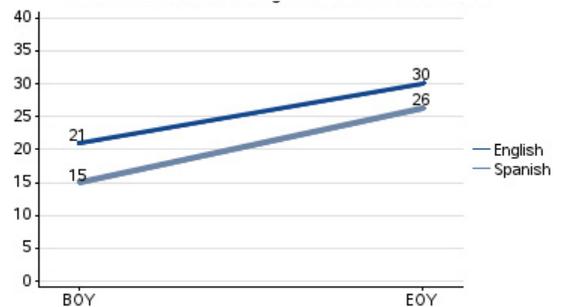
The graphs on this page show data from El Paso TSR classrooms last year. Children in El Paso TSR classrooms show steady growth in key predictors of literacy development like identifying letters in the alphabet and understanding phonological patterns like rhymes and alliteration. These are important school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

As illustrated in the charts on the right, children in El Paso 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)!

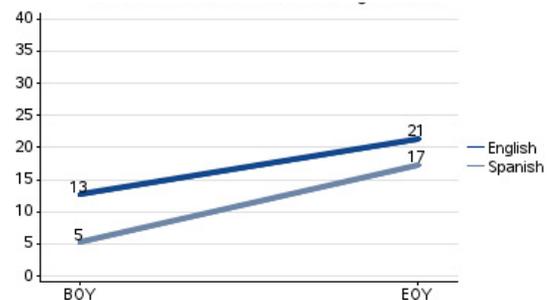
El Paso Area Students Served in TSR Since 2008



Student Gains in Phonological Awareness Region 19, 2014-2015



Student Gains in Letter Knowledge Region 19, 2014-2015



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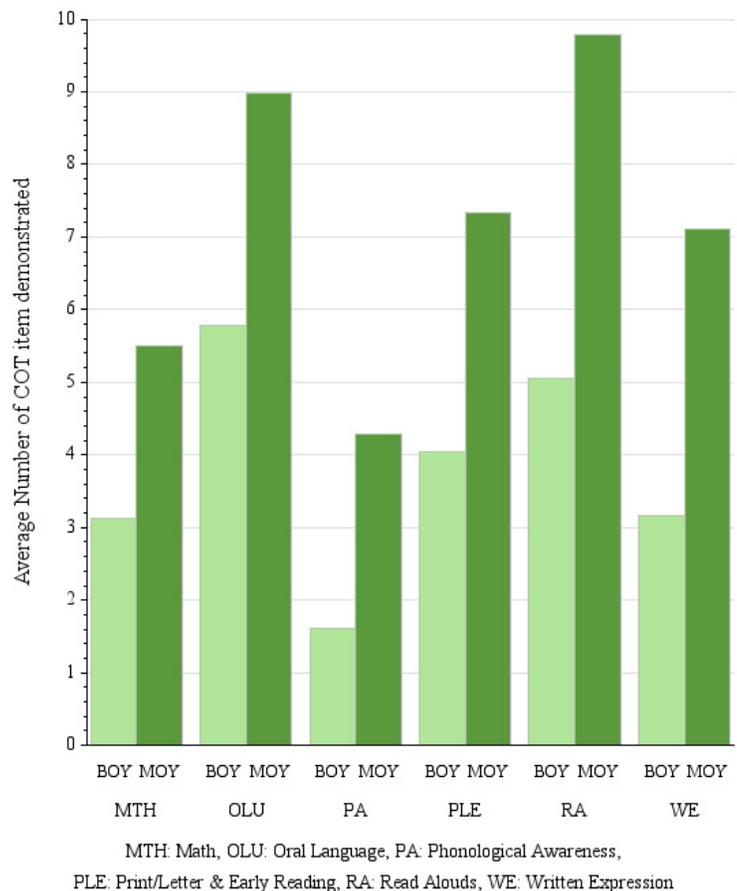
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At the heart of TSR is the desire to increase teachers' use of evidence-based practices and improve the quality of teacher-child interactions. Using cutting-edge techniques like data-driven coaching in the classroom, TSR is able to move outcomes in a positive direction. Pre-k teachers have shown dramatic changes after just a few months of participation in the project. Improvements have been realized 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. Crystal Green, a teacher at Parkland Pre-K Center in El Paso, spoke about her experiences in TSR:

“The project keeps my teaching fresh with new ideas. The program has empowered me to be more innovative, always looking for more ideas and activities that are exciting and fun for children to use in the classroom. I’m enthusiastic about the professional development and the implementation of this model. My students have greatly benefited from the quality of instruction they receive daily...I’ve often been told by my colleagues that I inspire them to become better preschool teachers. That’s a true blessing for me!”

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



As illustrated in the graph above, 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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