Early Childhood Programs/ Settings Acceptable as “Accredited Experience” Related to Licensure Upgrade/ Renewal

Experience in the following settings may be applicable for license renewal or upgrade **IF the teacher holds the appropriate license for the assignment** (early childhood, early childhood handicapped, early childhood unified).

A. Early Childhood programs associated with an accredited school district (USD)
   1. Title I Preschool, State Pre-K (formerly known as 4-year-old At-Risk program), District Preschool (Kansas Preschool Program, any USD general education administered preschool), Parents as Teachers or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B /619 services (Early Childhood Special Education)

B. Kansas Infant-Toddler/tiny-k/IDEA Part C
   1. A program under the administration of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and providing early intervention services to infant/toddlers with disabilities and their families (approved as a tiny-k Provider – IDEA Part C/Early Intervention Program*)

C. Regular (General) Education Early Childhood Programs
   1. KDHE Licensed Preschool or Child Care Center Facility that meets at least one of the following:
      - Lead teacher or program director in an established licensed preschool who is supervised by an administrator under a formal evaluation system and uses an evidence-based developmentally appropriate curriculum
      - Lead teacher or program director in an established licensed child care center who is supervised by an administrator under a formal evaluation system and that has an evidenced-based developmentally appropriate curriculum
      - Preschool or Child Care Center accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

   *Note: Experience in licensed day care or group day care home will not count

   2. Federally Approved Programs:
      - Head Start
      - Early Head Start
      - Programs located on military installations or reservations in Kansas

   3. Elementary – Pre Kindergarten through Grade 3

   *KDHE updates list on an annual basis

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