In October 2015, the Kansas State Board of Education announced a new vision for education in Kansas, giving direction for a student-focused system and resources for individual success. The Board identified Kindergarten Readiness as one of five Outcome Areas to measure progress and now expects every district in Kansas to utilize a developmentally appropriate snapshot tool beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. The goal of Kindergarten Readiness is to ensure that each student enters Kindergarten at age 5 socially, emotionally & academically prepared for success. To do this, Kansas must have common kindergarten entry data sets across all elementary schools.

The Kansas State Department of Education is thrilled to announce a contract with Paul Brookes Publishing for the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Tool: Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3™) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2™). This opportunity will provide each district with Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Core training and materials, including ASQ-3 and ASQ: SE-2 Starter Kits, Learning Activities, and additional professional development.

We thank you for your patience during the continuing development of the student-focused system and resources for individual success.

To implement the ASQ-3™ and ASQ:SE-2™ for 2018-2019 data collection, districts must follow these steps to assist with the ASQ implementation process.

1. Access Funding.
3. Selection of district trainers.
4. Registration instructions, and dates for the training-of-trainers.
5. Guidance for the district level implementation of ASQ materials.
6. Other important information.

Step 1: Access Funding

How will districts access funding to purchase core ASQ materials?

a) KSDE is providing each district a one-time, supplemental increase to the 2017-18 ESEA Title II-Part A award.
b) The Local Consolidated Plan (LCP) application was updated on September 8, 2017 to reflect this increase and your district LCP contact received instructions on September 14th.
c) Your district's LCP contact or business office should be able to answer questions on how to draw down the district's Title II-Part A award. If there are additional questions, please contact Nicole Clark at nclark@ksde.org.
d) The district may either use these additional Title-II Part A funds to purchase the materials or utilize other local funds.
e) Districts that participated in the 2016-17 ASQ pilot have already received the appropriate materials, and will not receive additional Title II funds.
f) If you believe there has been an error in the amount your district has received, please contact Dean Zajic at dzajic@ksde.org.
Step 2: Purchase ASQ Materials

How do districts order the ASQ core materials?

See the attached Order Form from Brookes Publishing and follow directions as listed to receive the discounted state-contract rate and free shipping to your district. For ordering questions, please contact Brookes Publishing directly by phone at 800-638-3775 or by email at order@brookespublishing.com.

Where will the ASQ materials be shipped?

These materials will be shipped directly to the district address provided on the order form.

When do districts need to order the materials?

In order to receive materials in advance of the training, please allow two weeks for delivery from the time the district places the order with Brookes Publishing. For product information, sample questionnaires and other support resources, visit http://agesandstages.com/ks/

Step 3: Select District Trainer-of-Trainers

When will the Trainings be offered for district Trainer-of-Trainers?

KSDE will only offer this trainer-of-trainers opportunity during the fall of 2017. This may not be new training for some districts. If the district has ASQ trainers, the district is not required to attend this training, but we would encourage participation if trainers are available.

All districts will need information on how to access the online application and data collection requirements. KSDE will provide other resources, including video and other professional development modules.

How many trainers should districts send to ASQ Trainer-of-trainers?

Each district will send a minimum of two trainers who will then return and train early learning professionals in the district, including pre-k and Kindergarten teachers. Below are maximum number of trainers each district may send due to space limitations.

Number of Elementary Schools in your district:
- 1 to 9 = 2 Trainers
- 10 to 19 = 3 Trainers
- 20 to 49 = 6 Trainers
- 50 Plus = 10 Trainers

How much does it cost to attend the Trainer-of-Trainers for ASQ?

This training is set up at service centers across the state. The service centers charge a $20 per person registration fee to assist with the cost of lunches and facilities. Livestreaming may be available for a fee at some of the service center locations. Please look for this specific information on the registration website or contact the service center near your location.

Step 4: Training Registration

How do the district level trainers register for the state level ASQ Trainer-of-trainers opportunity?

KSDE will host several one-day trainings from 9am - 4pm in nine locations across the state. Each trainer will need to register separately. Please register for one of these trainings by clicking the appropriate link:

When do we need to complete the registration?

Please complete Training Registration by October 15, 2017. Space at each location is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Step 5: Guidance for District Level Implementation

What do we do once trainers have completed the district training?

Once district level trainers return, they will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to train teachers and other professionals on the use and implementation of the ASQ materials. Districts are encouraged to determine a training schedule that best meets the needs of the district, keeping in mind that data collection will begin fall of 2018.

Districts are encouraged to include other early learning professionals, including Kindergarten, pre-kindergarten and parent educators, in the district level ASQ trainings.

Step 6: Other Important Information

How do I register for the Online ASQ Data System?

- To register for the online data system with Brookes Publishing, each building will need to enter additional information. The KSDE will assist with this process via a SurveyMonkey link that will be sent prior to October 1st, 2017.
- In the interim, each district will need to consider who will be the contact for each elementary school. The contact will be responsible for ensuring that data is entered for each child and will be the contact person for both KSDE and Brookes Publishing.

What do I do if I have more questions?

Please email earlylearning@ksde.org with any questions.

Where will this information be available if district staff need to refer to this at a later date?

This information is posted on the KSDE website: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=533

How do I keep informed and updated with all the activity for Early Learning in Kansas?

Please go to the KSDE TASN website: https://www.ksdetasn.org/events/iy1m4A, and register for the monthly Early Learning webinars.

KSDE Early Learning has recorded webinars and materials listed at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=514