

Precious Minds New Connections Program

Precious Minds New Connections (PMNC), an initiative funded by the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, is a parenting education program designed to help parents and other caregivers of young children become knowledgeable about the critical development of their children.



Topics include Ages and Stages: Having Appropriate Expectations – Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers & School Age Children; Children's Brain Development; Understanding Why Parents Spank their Children; Spoiling your Children; Understanding Discipline; Meeting our Needs and the Needs of our Children; and Helping Children Handle their Feelings.

What does PMNC provide?

- Parenting enrichment classes that run for eight weeks, meeting once a week for two hours
- Classes in English or Spanish
- Classes offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings at several locations
- Classes available from August to May
- Free childcare during classes
- Free meal for adults and children
- Certificate of completion for participants with 75 percent attendance (at least six out of eight classes)
- Graduates receive a one-day family admission to the San Antonio Zoo

Who is eligible to participate in PMNC?

This program is for parents, expectant parents, foster parents, grandparents, and other caregivers of children under four years old. Older children may attend with younger siblings who are under four years old.

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Title 1 Family Literacy Program

Family-Centered Education

Title 1 Family Literacy Program is a school-community partnership



Title 1 Family Literacy Program is comprised of the following programs:

Family Literacy Program

The federally-funded Title 1 Family Literacy Program is a school-community partnership that helps break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified family literacy program. The program is implemented through cooperative projects that build on high-quality existing community resources that create a new range of services for children, adults, and families. The program helps children and families achieve the academic standards set by the state and uses instructional programs that are based on scientific reading research to:

- Enrich language development, extend learning, and support high levels of educational success for children from birth through age eight and their parents
- Provide literacy services of sufficient hours and duration to make sustainable changes in a family

- Provide integrated instructional services for families, where children and their parents learn together to develop habits of life-long learning
- Support families committed to education and economic independence

Program Components:

Adult Education provides instruction so that adults can learn to speak, read, and write the English language.

Early Childhood Education focuses on the education of very young children from birth through age eight. Family literacy programs work in the areas of physical development, social emotional development, cognitive development, and emphasize children's eventual success in school.

Parent Education provides parents with a wide variety of learning topics including parenting strategies, how to be advocates and role models for their children, and strategies to support their children's learning.

Interactive Literacy Activities provide a time "to increase and facilitate meaningful parent-child interactions focused primarily on language and literacy development in a high-quality learning environment where they can learn and play together." (Jacobs, 2004, p. 1977).

Home Visits provide a means for delivering literacy instruction in a familiar setting and to emphasize that parents are the child's first and most important teacher.

Who is eligible to participate?

- Families who reside in the Northside ISD Title 1 attendance area and have children from birth through age eight.
- Families in which at least one parent needs to learn to speak, read, and write the English language.

Early On/School Readiness Program

The Early On/School Readiness program, funded by the City of San Antonio through collaborations and partnerships, prepares young children to succeed as they enter school. Since the inception of the program in 2000, the core objective has been to support Early Childhood Education and family strengthening strategies by helping children develop communication, problem solving, and life skills important to future school and work success. The premise of the School Readiness project is that what children learn before entering school has a big impact on how well they do in school. This, in turn, has an impact on how successful they are as adults, all of which leads to a better economy and a better quality of life for all residents.

What does Early On/School Readiness provide?

- Workshops/classes include the following topics: Brain Development, Health and Nutrition, Language and Literacy, Social & Emotional Development, and Safety & Environment
- Classes in English and Spanish
- Free childcare during workshops
- Free meal for adults and children
- Certificate after each class

Who is eligible to participate in Early On/School Readiness?

Parents, family, friends neighbors (FFN) and non-licensed informal caregivers, who impact the growth and development of children ages 0-5 in Northside ISD Title 1 Schools and Area (churches, libraries, community centers, Head Start programs, etc).

