

KANSAS INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE CENTER for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED (KIRC)

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The Kansas Instructional Resource Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (KIRC) supports teachers across Kansas who work with students who have visual impairments by providing instructional materials and services, including professional development seminars. The project represents a partnership between KSDE and the Kansas School for the Blind.



KIRC RESOURCES

This year, KIRC provided \$500,244 in resources to 1,085 students within 85 Kansas school districts.

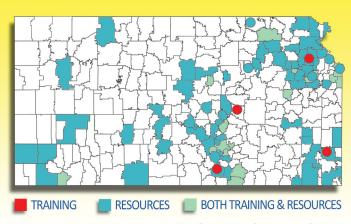
These resources, which can be found in a searchable, online catalog (http://webopac.klas.com/ksirc), included textbooks and library books in braille and large type, assistive technology, and electronic files that meet the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS). KIRC also provided 3 workshops that were attended by 97 participants from 20 districts.

"The training was an amazing opportunity to learn about the Learning Media Assessment (LMA) from one of its creators.

Dr. Holbrook did such a nice job of explaining the changes to the LMA."

-Training Participant

KANSAS DISTRICTS IMPACTED





"It was great! Good mix of discussion and hands on." CKIRC (IRC) Training Participant(IRC)



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IS OF HIGH QUALITY

Overall, 94% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the training was of high quality. 93% of participants indicated they would use the content or implement practices from the training. In addition, 92% of participants across all the workshops understood how the content or practices would improve outcomes for children and youth. 91% of participants felt equipped to transfer their learning to practice.

AVERAGE EVALUATION RESULTS Percentage of Respondents Answering Agree or Strongly Agree

The training had an appropriate balance 87.1% between presentation and interaction. The trainer provided examples of the content/practices in use (e.g., stories, 90,9% case studies, or data). I understand how the content/practice 92.2% is intended to improve outcomes for children and youth. I left the training with tools or functional 90.8% methods to transfer my learning I will use the content or implement the 93.3% practice(s) from this training. 93.5% Overall, the training was of high quality.

