



WHY DO WE NEED BRIDGES?

There is an identified gap in family support when children age out of Infant-Toddler tiny-k services.

This can be a challenging and stressful time for parents and children.

It can be difficult for families to navigate the various systems of care without the familiar support of their Infant Toddler tiny-k provider.

Regardless of the setting that young children transition to, Bridges Care Coordinators offer assistance with how to navigate the systems of care, self-advocacy, and transition to identify and connect with community resources.

DID YOU KNOW?

When your child turns 3 years old, he or she will no longer qualify for Infant-Toddler tiny-k services.

WHAT IS NEXT?

Some children transition into Part B Early childhood special Education (ECSE) services, while others may not qualify. Those families are left to find services and supports within their Community.

WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

The Bridges program can help!

WHAT IS BRIDGES?

Bridges is a care coordination program that helps bridge the services from Infant-Toddler tiny-k to Early childhood Special Education services or other community programs. Bridges is a FREE and voluntary program.

WHO DEVELOPED BRIDGES?

Bridges is a collaborative project between Kansas Infant-Toddler tiny-k (IT tiny-k) and the Kansas Special Health Care Needs (KS-SHCN) Programs.

BRIDGES MISSION

Bridges provides holistic care coordination to transitioning children and their families to assist them in navigating the complex systems of care for a smooth and stress-free transition experience.

HOW DOES BRIDGES WORK?

Who: Families with children who are exiting IT tiny-k services.

What: Highly qualified and skilled KS-SHCN staff members provide ongoing, holistic care coordination and services until the child's 8th birthday.

How: Staff and families collaborate to identify needs, resources and assistance to develop an action plan that will ease the transition process.

Where: Bridges is available in various communities across the state of Kansas, with care coordinators living in the local community.

FAMILY + Care Coordinator = Community

HOW DO WE BECOME A BRIDGES FAMILY?

1. Ask your Infant Toddler tiny-k provider for an application.
2. Complete brief application and submit to tiny-k provider.
3. IT tiny-k provider will schedule a family meeting with the Bridges Care Coordinator.

**BECOME A BRIDGES
FAMILY TODAY!**

For more information, please call 785-217-1461

