

Publisher Response to the Texas Resource Review

The Children's Learning Institute (CLI) at UTHealth appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Texas Resource Review. We would like to extend our thanks to the Texas Education Agency and to Safal Partners for their detailed review of Currículo CIRCLE de prekínder.

The completed quality report highlights many of the strengths and important features of Currículo CIRCLE de prekínder. Throughout the curriculum's development, decisions were carefully considered and guided by research to ensure the curriculum would be built according to the science of how children learn best. Reviewers recognized the research-base of lessons across domains, including phonological awareness, letter knowledge, and social and emotional development. The review notes the many opportunities and varied contexts for developing vocabulary and language skills (i.e., speech, sentence structure, and grammar), and the support and guidance for students to work collaboratively by engaging in conversations throughout lessons. In addition to these features, our softly scripted lessons support teachers to deliver direct, explicit instruction important for bilingual learners' academic achievement.

The mission of CLI is to advance learning and health outcomes for all children, and we are proud to offer our high-quality curriculum free to all educators on our CLI Engage platform. One of the many benefits of a digital curriculum is the ability to add resources and tools in an ongoing manner. We would like to highlight just a few of the additional Spanish curriculum resources planned at this time. These include:

- comprehensive, full-day lesson plans for all 35 weeks of the curriculum,
- daily schedules for full- and half-day four-year-old programs,
- guidance and recommendations for using the curriculum with three-year-old children, and
- recommendations and a sample lesson plan for using the curriculum in half-day prekindergarten programs.

Currículo CIRCLE de prekínder will continue to benefit from our partnerships with schools and our direct work with teachers and children in classrooms. We look forward to offering many more resources to the CLI Engage platform throughout the life of the curriculum.