

Early Child Development – Learning Resource Centre (ECD-LRC)

The ECD-LRC was initiated in 1990 and has grown as a state specific resource center striving to strengthen and upgrade ongoing educational programs and initiate innovative programs for children from 0 to 8 years in the state of Gujarat.

Development of resource materials for children and teachers has been a major thrust area of the center. The center has mass-produced print and non-print materials from a set of prototype materials which were systematically field tested.

During the early nineties ECD-LRC worked towards strengthening the ECCE component under the ICDS through training functionaries and designing culturally relevant, viable, low cost materials for ICDS. The center has implemented in-service training programs for a cross section of functionaries from varied ECCE programs. These trainings have been conceived as a continuous and a dynamic input to strengthen the capacities of functionaries.

Tarang – Ullhasmai Abhyas – The Joyful Learning Program was ECD-LRC's largest initiative to strengthen primary education across the state for children in the first grade. The center took the primary responsibility of conceptualizing, preparing materials and training functionaries at the state level. The program has ushered in the activity based approach for learning for young children across the state.

Presently the center is involved in designing a holistic communication package for care of infants. Specific practices detrimental to the survival, growth and development have been studied and these would form the basis of communication package.