

# Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR JANUARY 11, 2023



### WELCOME

- 2023 Webinar & Panel Updates
- PDG Planning Grant
- Workforce Updates
- **SPARK**
- General Updates
  - **→** Governor Announcements
  - Professional Development and Conference Opportunities

## Agenda



### 2023 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

- right In 2023, the webinars will shift to a **MONTHLY** schedule.
  - registered, you may wish to delete the webinar appointments from your calendar that are no longer planned.
- Sign up to receive our Weekly All In For Kansas Kids Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – www.kschildrenscabinet.org

#### 2023 Webinar Schedule

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 19
- May 17
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 13

# Stay Connected!

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- KU CPPR will lead facilitation and planning support for the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel in 2023.
  - Next meeting: January 20, 2023, , 9:00 a.m. 11:30 p.m.
  - Kansas Open Forum: Form Online KCCTF Website
- Save the Date for the 2023 Governance Summit
  - February 17, 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
  - Scheduled during regular Panel meeting time

# 2023 Planning Update



- Kansas was awarded a 2023 PDG B-5 Planning Grant!
- Cabinet is lead applicant of collaborative approach with KSDE, KDHE, DCF
- Grant Year: 12/30/2022 12/29/2023
- Award: \$4 million
- 5 federally-defined activities (outlined in the coming slides)
- Primary Deliverables:
  - Statewide Comprehensive Needs Assessment
  - Statewide Strategic Plan



- Activity One: PDG B-5 Statewide Needs Assessment
  - Collect and analyze existing needs assessments
  - Understand impact of COVID and relief funding
  - B-5 ECCE Workforce survey and any Workforce Registry data available
  - Our Tomorrows story collection
  - 10 community engagement and sensemaking sessions
  - Synthesize findings and produce updated Comprehensive Needs Assessment



- Activity Two: PDG B-5 Statewide Strategic Plan
  - Review needs assessment findings and assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the Kansas early childhood system
  - ECCE Agency Alignment Gap Analysis to understand limitations in collaboration or coordination of the current state-level coordination model. This will include public engagement sessions.
  - Five Virtual Engagement Sessions for traditionally underserved and/or marginalized children and families
  - Draft Plan feedback opportunities
  - Produce an updated 5-year All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan

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- Activity Three: Maximizing Parent and Family Engagement
  - 6 family cohorts to design initiatives on importance/purpose of developmental health
  - Family mapping to accessing and enrolling in ECCE services
- Activity Four: Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices
  - Workforce Engine Pilot Sites 2-5 communities for recruitment, retention, and/or sustainabilityfocused efforts (scale PDG subgrants; multi-payer models; local outreach, etc.)
  - Exploration of workable compensation reform strategies
- Activity Five: Support Overall Quality Improvement
  - Update (as needed) and Disseminate Kansas Early Learning Standards and Family Engagement and Partnership Standards for Early Childhood

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#### **WORKFORCE UPDATES**

- **Purpose:** The Professional Development Workforce Registry (WFR) will provide practitioners with an online repository for their professional learning, certificates, and credentials as well as access to resources to support professional growth and development.
- Status Update and Next Steps:
  - Working through KITO process requirements
  - Developed workplan with BridgeCare (vendor selected via formal RFP and review process)
  - Initial 2-3 month discovery phase launching in late-January
  - Expect ongoing communication (updates, feedback opportunities, etc.)

# Workforce Registry



#### **WORKFORCE UPDATES**

- **Purpose:** Helps represent the career, support, and training options available to professionals practicing in the ECCE system and guide them towards resources and opportunities to support their professional goals
- Status Update and Next Steps:
  - Finalizing final products for soft launch on All in for Kansas Kids website, with marketing materials for partners coming soon as well
  - Creating talking points and shared language for key partners who work directly with professionals in the field (surveyors, health consultants, etc.)
  - Working with Partners on Implementation in Phases, including resources for professionals
  - Ensuring alignment with core competencies, WF Registry

# Career Pathway



#### SPARK FUNDING

- December 2022 Funding Announcements:
  - Recovery Office announced funding to support health and education initiatives, including to support the expansion of child care (\$20million)
- Funding will be available as grants from the Children's Cabinet
- Funding will be available to support capital improvements of child care facilities (including new builds) as well as key operational support such as equipment, wages, and employee recruitment activities.
- Much more to come in the coming months

## **Grant Opportunities**



#### GENERAL SYSTEM UPDATES

- Executive Order No. 23-01:
  - "Establishes the Early Childhood Transition Task Force. The Task Force is charged with reviewing Kansas' early childhood programs and developing a roadmap for the creation of a new state, cabinet-level agency focused solely on supporting the success of our youngest Kansans."
  - Announced 1/9/2023
  - Efforts will be supported by the PDG Planning Grant
  - Expect opportunities to share feedback

**Governor EO** 



#### KPATA NEW MONTHLY TRAINING SERIES

- Monthly training series for teachers and educators, all trainings are FREE and available to all current KPATA members
- Each month will feature a different topic relevant to early childhood and family issues
  - January 19 Oral Health
  - February (TBD) Racial Equity: A Foundation of Understanding



# Professional Development



#### KPATA TRAINING SCHEDULE CONTINUED 2022-2023

- Parent Educators and coordinators KPATA Bright Futures 2022 - 2023
  - March 2, 2023 Domestic Violence: Impact on Youth
  - April 20, 2023 Child Abuse & Neglect
  - May(TBD) Substance Use Disorder



TRAINING SCHEDULE

Professional Development



#### KANSAS MTSS & ALIGNMENT TRAINING

- Addressing Challenging Behavior: A Proactive Approach
- Register now for a FREE, one-day in-person professional development opportunity provided by Dr. Mary Louise Hemmeter
  - February 8, 2023 Hilton Garden Inn, Hays, KS; 9:00-3:30PM
  - February 9, 2023 The Foundry, Topeka,
     KS; 9:00-3:30PM

# Professional Development





#### ECE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 41st annual Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference: The Power of Possibilities
  - Double Tree by Hilton, Wichita Airport
  - February 22-24, 2023, Wichita, KS (Registration and more coming soon!)

# Professional Development





#### REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- o Early Childhood Recommendations Panel meeting January 20, 9-11:30 am
- o Save the Date 2023 Early Childhood Governance Summit February 17, 9-11:30 am
- Next Early Childhood Systems Building webinar, February 8, 12 1:00pm
- Sign up for the All In For Kansas Kids Weekly Email Newsletter www.kschildrenscabinet.org
  - Let us know what topics you're interested in, or if you have information to share in the webinars or weekly email newsletter.

# Early Childhood System



