

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR NOVEMBER 15, 2023



WELCOME

- Webinar Cadence Updates
 - As we move into 2024 the AIFKK webinars will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month
 - Be on the lookout for Zoom correspondence this afternoon to get the new series added to your calendars!
Subject Line: **KS Early Childhood Systems-Building Webinar (2024) Confirmation**
- Sign up to receive our All In For Kansas Kids e-Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – <http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/>
- Presentation on the Family Advisory Council, Family Leadership Team, and the Family & Consumer Partnership Toolkit by Cora Ungerer of KDHE
- Early Childhood Systems Updates

Agenda



2024 Webinar Schedule

January 10th
February 14th
March 13th
April 10th
May 8th
June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th
December 11th



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Family & Consumer Partnership

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Family & Consumer Partnership Definition

Family **[and consumer]** partnership is defined as...

“Patients, families, their representatives, and health professionals working in active partnership at various levels across the health care system – direct care, organizational design and governance, and policy making – to improve health and health care. This partnership is accomplished through the intentional practice of working with families **[and consumers]** for the ultimate goal of positive outcomes in all areas through the life course.”

[Adapted from the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Guidance]

Kansas MCH Vision

FAMILY AND CONSUMER PARTNERSHIP

VIEW THE 2021-2025 KANSAS TITLE V STATE ACTION PLAN ONLINE AT [KANSASMCH.ORG](https://www.kansasmch.org)

PRIORITY 7
Strengths-based supports and services are available to promote healthy families and relationships.

CROSS-CUTTING AND SYSTEMS BUILDING

OBJECTIVE 7.1
Increase the proportion of MCH-led activities with a defined program plan for family and consumer partnership (FCP) to 75% by 2025.

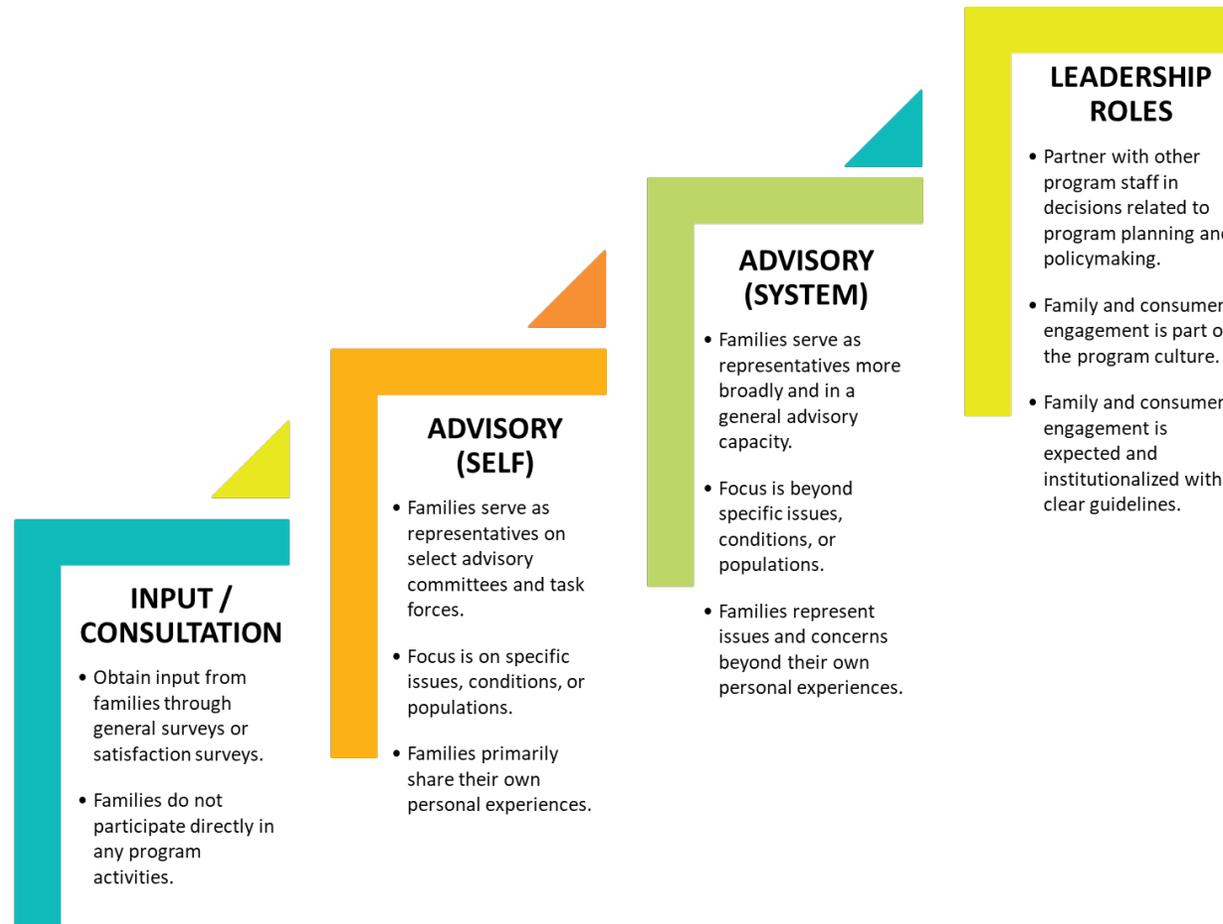
OBJECTIVE 7.2
Increase the number of individuals receiving peer supports through Title V-sponsored programs by 5% annually through 2025.

OBJECTIVE 7.3
Increase the number of families and consumers engaging as leadership partners with the MCH workforce through the FCP Program by 5% annually through 2025.

OBJECTIVE 7.4
Increase the number of MCH-affiliated programs providing holistic care coordination through cross-system collaboration by three through 2025.

Engaging at all Levels

Source:
Association of Maternal and Child
Health Programs (AMCHP)



**You can engage without
partnership, you can't
partner without
engagement.**

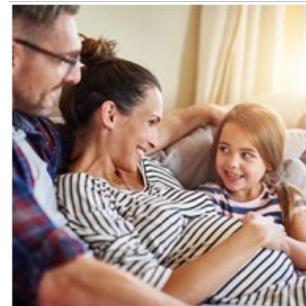


Family & Consumer Partnership (FCP) Program



Peer Supports

- Supporting You
- Caregiver Resource Website
(partnership with LEND)



Advisory

- Expanded FAC
- PDG Family Leadership Team

Leadership

- Title V Delegate
- Family Leadership Program
AMP (Alumni, Mentorship, Policy)



Technical Assistance

- Family & Consumer Engagement Toolkit
- MCH Change Academy



Program officially established in 2020.



A “Nothing
about us,
without us!”
mindset.



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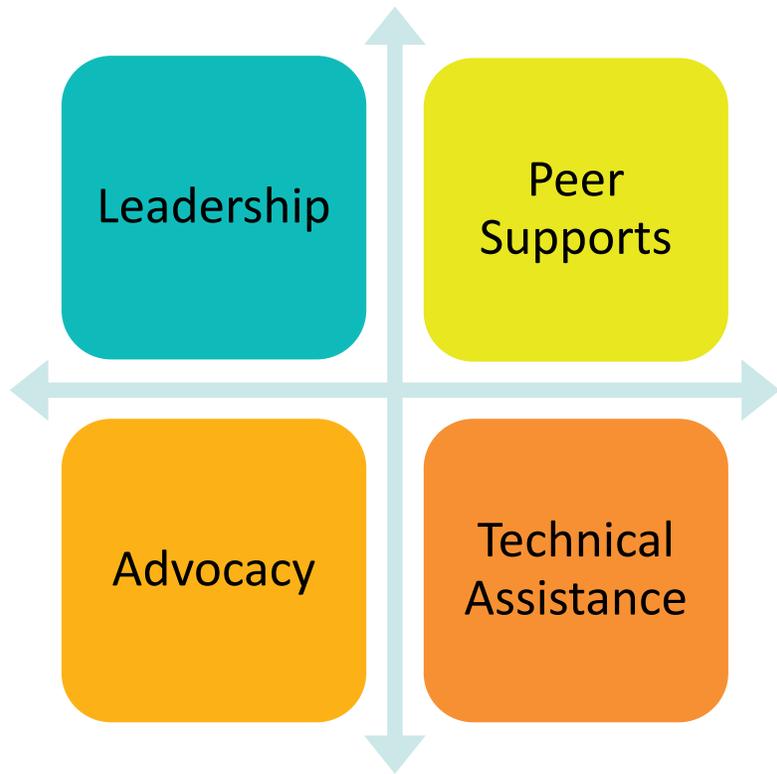


The New* Bureau of Family Health Family Advisory Council (FAC)



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Environment

Title V - Priority 7



P7 - Strengths-based supports and services are available to promote healthy families and relationships.

From 2009-2020, our Family Advisory Council (FAC) had a specific focus on families with children with SHCN and had up to 12 active members.

During 2020 we set about expanding the FAC to the five core MCH domains.

Now in 2023, across five work groups, we have 38 **amazing** members.

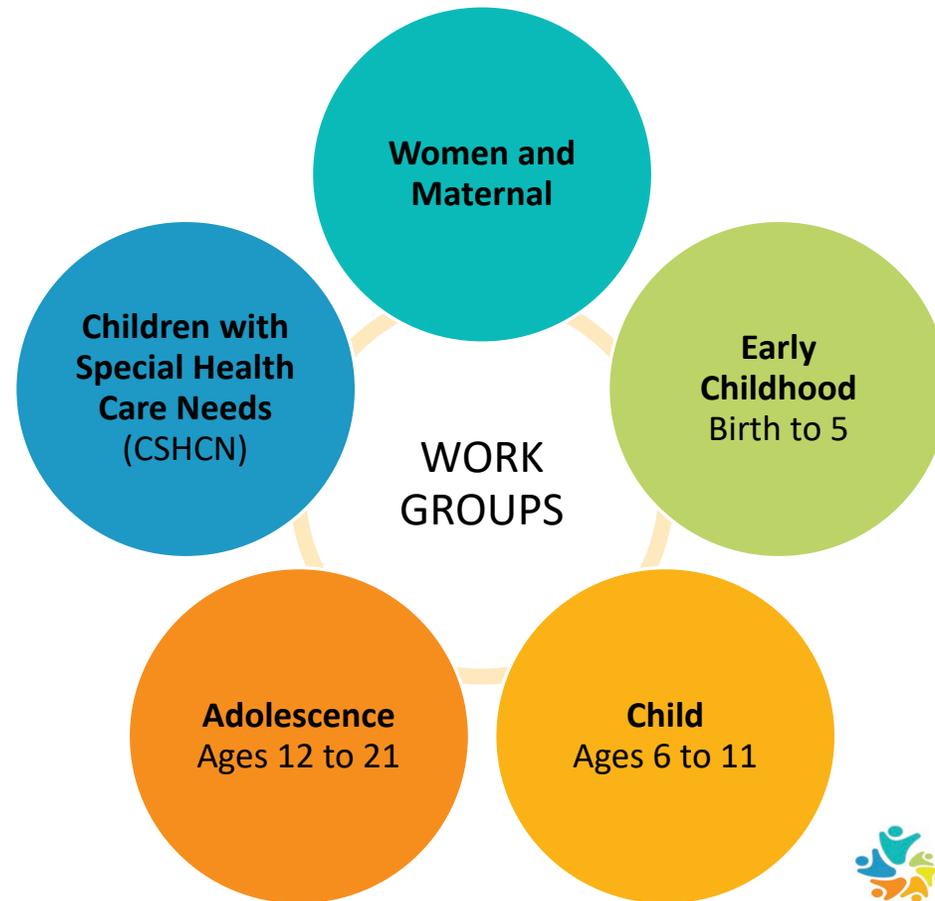
The New* Bureau of Family Health Family Advisory Council

New*: Developed in 2020, started recruiting in 2021, started official work groups in 2022.

FAC Vision

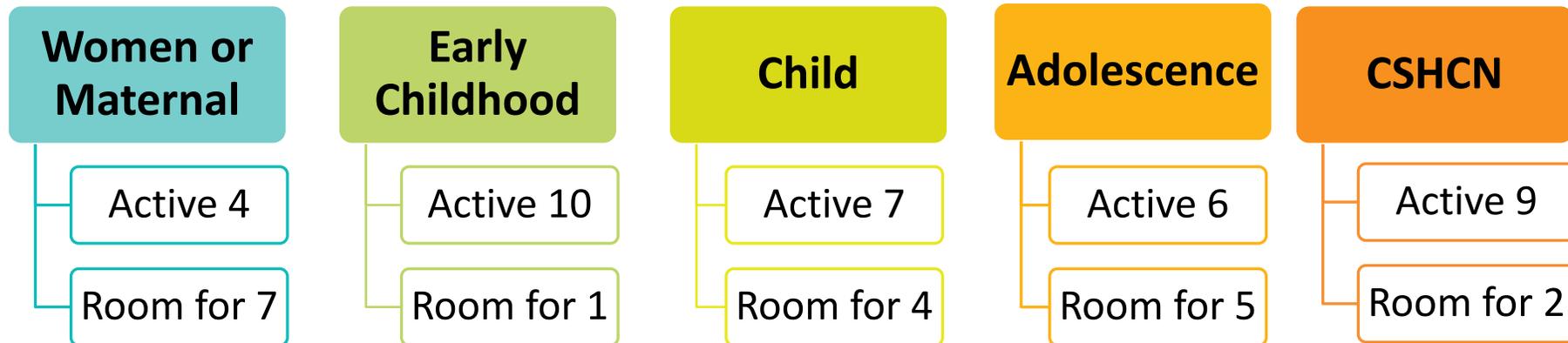
We envision a state where individuals and families are (1) engaged in program planning, evaluation, service delivery, and policy development; (2) partners in advocacy; and (3) leaders in their communities.

<https://kansasmch.org/fac>



The New* Bureau of Family Health Family Advisory Council

Current FAC Membership by work group



Goal: Have 7 – 11 members per work group.

Our members live across the entire state, representing both rural and urban communities.

The New* Bureau of Family Health Family Advisory Council

Meetings four times a year – January, April, July and October.

- January and July are virtual meetings from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m..
- April and October are in-person meetings from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., location varies around the state.

For members:

- We provide a stipend and additional opportunities to help them participate in meetings.
- We offer leadership opportunities built into our council and outside of it.
- The members lead the work they want to do – with guidance.

They review our Title V Maternal & Child Health 5-year State Action Plan and pick an area they are interested in and want to help work progress in, related to their work group domain.

The New* Bureau of Family Health Family Advisory Council

TITLE V MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH
5-YEAR STATE ACTION PLAN 2021–2025



Ideas and support

Provide feedback of identified objectives and outcomes

Advise and inform on collaborations needed

Provide the family voice

Serve as an ambassador to the community

Advise and inform on reaching KS families

Identify work group projects based on the State Action Plan Priorities.

Plan development, implementation, outreach, etc.

Create a timeline for project goals and completion.



The New* Bureau of Family Health Family Advisory Council

Plans
for
growth

Youth
Advisory

Fatherhood
work group





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Family and Consumer Partnership Toolkit



Family and Consumer Partnership Toolkit

- Developed in-part with:
 - Conversations and feedback from the FAC.
 - Information from other states and resources.
 - National frameworks.
 - And our own experiences engaging with families.

Document available online on the KansasMCH website.

Look under the tab for the Family Advisory Council.



Family and Consumer Partnership Toolkit

About this Toolkit

This toolkit is designed to share information about an approach to engagement and partnership that is designed to assist local or state programs and organizations in engaging families and consumers in a variety of ways. The information is developed in Kansas and organized by "levels of engagement" including: as advisors; or in leadership and support roles.

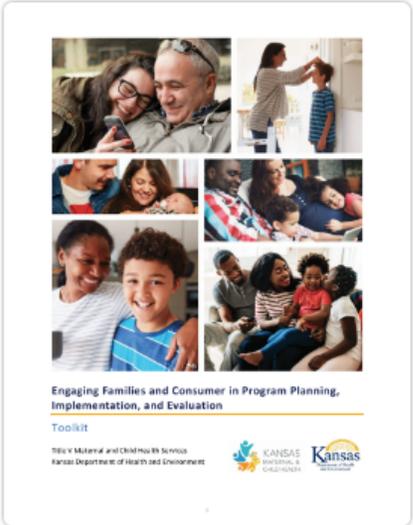
- Families or consumers are engaged in meaningful ways;
- Family or consumer engagement practices are used;
- Evaluation activities consider family voices and feedback;
- Opportunities exist to partner with those who are engaged to advance policy at the local, state, and national levels.

This toolkit is comprised of input and feedback directly from Kansas families and includes webbased content, resources and examples of engagement activities, and a planning tool to assist programs in developing a "Family and Consumer Engagement Plan," if desired.

- About Us
- Goal
- FAC Members
- CSHCN
- FAC Leadership
- Guiding Resources
- Materials
- Meeting Information
- Family and Consumer Partnership Toolkit**

Partnership Toolkit

that guide our collective work. This resource is designed to assist local or state programs and organizations in engaging families and consumers in a variety of ways. The information is developed in Kansas and organized by "levels of engagement" including: as advisors; or in leadership and support roles.



View the Full Toolkit PDF

Family Engagement Frameworks

Collection of frameworks that include the following components:

- foundational **principles**
- quality **standards**
- engagement **strategies**
- evaluation and **assessment** approaches

Framework	Key Content	Components
Levels of Family Engagement in Title V	Levels of Engagement <i>Input, Advisory (Self), Advisory (System), Leadership Roles</i>	Principles Strategies
Kansas Family Engagement and Partnership Standards for Early Childhood	Guidance for Engagement <i>Families as...Foundation, Communicators, Advocates, Partners, Community Members</i>	Principles Standards Strategies Assessment
Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support	Quality Standards for Family Support <i>Family Centeredness, Family Strengthening, Embracing Diversity, Community Building, Evaluation</i>	Principles Standards Strategies Assessment
A Framework for Understanding the Elements and Developing Interventions and Policies	Continuum of Family Engagement <i>Consultation, Involvement, Partnership and Shared Leadership</i>	Principles
A Framework for Assessing Family Engagement in Systems Change	Assessment Tools for Engagement at the Systems Level <i>Commitment, Transparency, Representation, Impact</i>	Principles Strategies Assessment

Family and Consumer Partnership Toolkit

Next Phase:

- Develop more one-page info sheets, using discussions and feedback from families.
- Find tools that can be added to the toolkit.
- Develop tools that fill gaps.
- **Goal:** Have a fully accessible toolkit to anyone interested in family or consumer partnership.
- **Goal Part 2:** Develop Technical Assistance for community partners.

Always – review, listen and make updates or changes as needed.

Consumer Education Opportunities

Some programs offer training or classes for parents and caregivers, but a great opportunity for everyone there is some feedback and tips we have gotten from families about offering educational opportunities.

Types of Educational Opportunities

Education can come in all different sizes and shapes, here are some suggestions and questions.

- Offer specific classes
 - What are the learning topics that your program will teach?
 - How often do you meet? Just once, weekly?
 - Are there opportunities for hands-on learning?
 - Do demand learning opportunities work better for you?
 - Can we extend any other learning beyond the classroom?
 - Informational handouts
 - One-page
 - Small booklets
 - Tables or posters

What families say they like:

- If you need facilities (provide food and drink) or a small incentive, they will come.
- If it's an opportunity they get to attend, offering a discount to attend or a discount on services or supplies.
- A community partner may be willing to offer incentives for families who attend.
- Be able offer different locations. Families are more likely to participate if the kids are engaged during the time you want to spend talking with the parents.
- The equipment about time commitments and expectations.
- Speak to them the people, avoid speaking down to them.

Points and Tips

- Involve a key to teach with you.
- Try to hold events during family-friendly times or provide more than one time to choose from.
- Name diversifying within the families in your when offering educational opportunities. Make all identification easy to see, size, background, or color that welcome and included.
- The best way to get someone there is to tell them about it directly.
- Try to avoid accommodations, they get confusing!
- Offer mentorship as a learning opportunity.

Find more information at www.kansasmch.org



Surveys

This is a big one, right? It's a common level to collect input from people served by a program. Surveys can look different, the way they are offered can differ, best of all - they are highly customizable for the needs of your program. The delivery and design you pick will have an impact on your survey completion rate (offering incentives also influences completion.)

Things consumers say they love when taking a survey:

- A progress indicator (a bar at the top or bottom of the screen, a percentage, expectations of how many questions there are, a suggested amount of completion time - all of which help them to prepare and know what to expect when taking a survey)
- Having the survey to do immediately after a service.
- The reason why they are filling out the survey and what will be done with their feedback.
- Multiple-choice questions are easier to fill out than write-in answers.
- Deadlines for completion help surveys to be completed.

Benefits

- You received feedback from those involved in your services.
 - How is your program doing?
 - Constructive criticism.
 - What could be improved?
- Consumers can weigh in on program changes, creating more highly and trust for a program.
- Can be anonymous to help reveal things someone may not want to say.

Considerations

- Send or post a survey with a QR code.
- Acknowledge changes made because of survey responses.
- Utilize your consumers to help frame survey questions.
- Review your surveys often to make sure they are still relevant.
- Things to be wary of:
 - Not receiving feedback from as many consumers as you would like.
 - Surveys left half done.
 - Not giving the consumer the right options to give meaningful feedback.
 - Overwhelming consumers with surveys that are too long or by sending them too many.

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Virtual Events

Virtual events have been happening for years, but thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic this one-on-one to hosting an entire conference, the possibilities meeting virtually are broad. There are some drawbacks of course, here are some pointers for hosting successful virtual events.

Best practices

- The time you are offering your event may change who can attend.
 - Who is your event for?
 - What time of day and how long?
- Providing compensation for your event when asking families to attend will help boost participation.

Types of Virtual Meetings

General meetings

- One-on-one to as large as you need!

Webinars

- Less conversational, presenting news or ideas to a group online.

Councils

- You can utilize "breakout" sessions with smaller groups of specific people.

Trainings

- Live or recorded. This can also use "breakout" sessions.

Conferences

- Pre-recorded, live, and a mix of possibilities!

Coffee Chats and/or Roundtable Discussions

- The most conversational, asking participants specific questions and facilitating discussions.

Considerations

- There is more than one way to connect to a virtual meeting depending on the hosting platform (i.e. a call-in, etc.)
- Not everyone has flawless high-speed internet and that can create some distribution. Consider connection - rural areas often have connection issues.
- Quality of video/audio would not be affected, may make it difficult or even impossible to join a meeting.
- Not everyone tries to connect to a virtual meeting the same way (i.e. desktop computer, laptop, tablet, phone with app, phone with call-in number, way someone can engage.
- The way of backups and "Zoom bombing" (Zoom refers to someone coming in and harassing the way.) Most platforms have security measures, such as registration for events, passwords, and waiting rooms that should be utilized.

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Family Leadership Team



Family Leadership Team

The Beginning

- Developed with the award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG).

Development

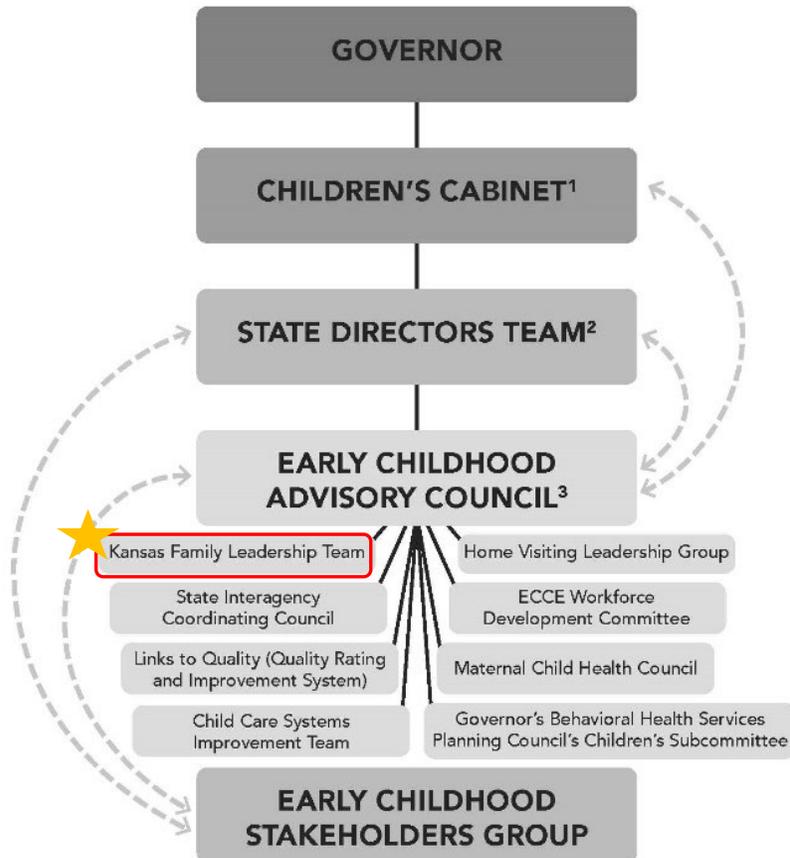
- Original structure to meet four times a year for an hour and a half with agencies, groups and families.

Now

- Partnering with agencies and groups.
- Hosting Family round table sessions.

Family Leadership Team

KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



➤ Statewide Governance Structure

- Direct line to Early Childhood Recommendations Panel then to State Directors Team and Children's Cabinet

Family Leadership Team

- KDHE is a part of developing this larger family, agency and program feedback and action team that was developed with the award of the Preschool Development Grant.
- This group includes agencies and programs who work with families.
- **Goal:** Hear from people throughout the state about the good and the bad in raising their families, the available resources or services, and supports.
- **Goal Part 2:** Compile feedback, create smaller project groups to produce a solution, and present the topic and possible solution to the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel.

Family Leadership Team

New model in development

- Get active family participation in regular special round table discussions.
- Use their feedback to act and create formal recommendations.
- Actively show the value of the family voice and how to partner with families as a model for other agencies.



Family Leadership Team

The most important things?

Getting feedback on where their suggestions have gone and work that has changed because of it.

Creating trust and partnership with state programs and agencies.

Additionally: More agencies will have the opportunity to gain feedback from families.



For questions or more information, you can reach out Cora.Ungerer@ks.gov

Thank you!

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Early Childhood
Systems Updates



CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCELERATOR

Offering construction-only grants to expand on the state's efforts to create new licensed child care slots while adding space to enable work, health monitoring, and education supports.

- The Technical Assistance webinar is available for viewing at any time on the Children's Cabinet [YouTube channel](#).
- The [Request For Proposal](#) is out, technical assistance is available, and applications on the Kansas CommonApp will close on 12/18
- Learn more about the Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Accelerator on the All In For Kansas Kids [website](#).

Funding Opportunity



HEALTHIER CACFP AWARD

The Healthier Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Award is a recognition system that supports the wellness efforts of child care providers, day care center staff members and home providers participating in CACFP

- Caregivers going above and beyond the program requirements by taking steps to improve menus, physical activity, professional development, nutrition and wellness environment and/or infant care can apply for an award in one or more categories
 - Three award levels are offered – Honors, High Honors, and Highest Honors
- Find more information/access the application and resource book [here](#), or email kseymour@ksde.org

**Kansas State
Department of Education**



GREENBUSH FAMILY CONNECT MODULES

As a part of their All In For Kansas Kids Quality Subgrant work, the Family Connect Modules are a series of eight one-hour interactive modules connecting families to resources and services to promote the healthy development of children ages 0-5.

- Stipends of \$25 are available at the end of EACH module
- Access ALL of the modules [here!](#)

Early Childhood
Resources



MODULE ONE Families as Foundation	MODULE TWO Families as Communicators
MODULE THREE Families as Advocates	MODULE FOUR Families as Partners
MODULE FIVE Families as Community Members	NEW! MODULE SIX Choosing Quality Child Care
NEW! MODULE SEVEN Understanding Child Development	NEW! MODULE EIGHT Health and Education Partnerships

KPATA MONTHLY TRAINING SERIES

Monthly training series for teachers and educators, ALL trainings are FREE and available to all current KPATA members!

- Register to become a member [here!](#)
- Each month will feature a different topic relevant to early childhood and family issues.
 - November 16th – Racial Equity
 - December 14th – Autism Within Families
 - January 18th – Prioritize Play
 - February 15th – Intimate Partner Violence

Professional Development



TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2023-24

<p>JULY</p> <p>Podcast: The Science of Intimacy With Our Kids</p> <p>UNRUFFLED - JANET LANSBURY</p> <p>7/20 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>AUGUST / SEPTEMBER</p> <p>SAFE SLEEP III</p> <p>8/31 1:00 - 2:30PM 9/27 1:00 - 2:30PM</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>"Literacy Loving" Home Visits</p> <p>9/21 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>Perinatal Mental Health</p> <p>10/19 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ NOVEMBER</p> <p>Racial Equity</p> <p>Choose Your Own Session Series *Will Start in November</p> <p>11/16 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>★ DECEMBER</p> <p>AUTISM</p> <p><i>Within Families</i></p> <p>12/14 1:00-3:00 PM</p>
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>Prioritize PLAY</p> <p>Lifelong Importance</p> <p>1/18 1:00-2:30 PM</p>	<p>★ FEBRUARY</p> <p>Intimate Partner Violence</p> <p>Collaboration in Communities</p> <p>2/15 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>Screen Time</p> <p>Talk About the Impact</p> <p>3/7 1:00-2:30 PM</p>
<p>★ APRIL</p> <p>Child Abuse & Neglect</p> <p>KCSL</p> <p>4/18 1:00-2:00 PM</p>	<p>★ MAY</p> <p>Substance Use Disorder</p> <p>Part 2 - DCCCA</p> <p>5/16 1:00-2:30PM</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>No Training in June</p>

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT



REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **Children's Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, December 1st – 9 am-12 pm

- **Early Childhood Recommendations Panel Meeting**

Friday, November 17th – 9 am-11:30 am

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, December 13th – 12-1:00 pm

You can find **all** these meetings and more on our Children's Cabinet YouTube channel!

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Thanks!

