

# Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR FEBRUARY 8, 2023



#### WELCOME

- **→2023 Webinar Updates**
- Child Care Aware Continuum of Support
- **y**General Updates
  - **FEC Governance Summit**
  - Kansas Child Care Capacity Accelerator
  - **▼Developmental Health Family Engagement Sessions**
  - Professional Development and Conference Opportunities

### **Agenda**



#### 2023 WEBINAR SCHEDULE

- right In 2023, the webinars will shift to a **MONTHLY** schedule.
  - ✓ If you have already 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
- o April 19
- May 17
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 13

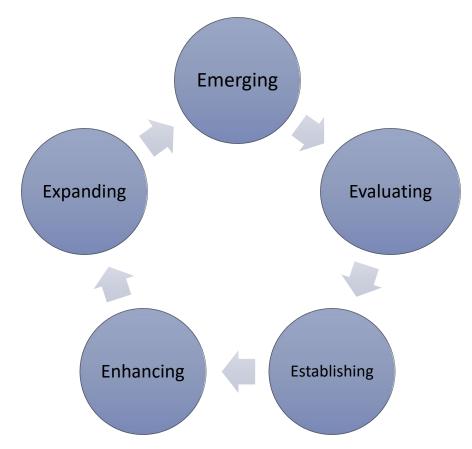
## **Stay Connected!**



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## Working Alongside Communities

- Serve as a hub for communities to dig into data
- Explore solutions, swap ideas, and make plans.
- Gather and disseminate data, research







# Community Child Care Capacity Building





Pre-planning & Support



Communities in Action Workshop



**Funding** 



Follow up Support



Go Team



## Pre-Planning/Support

- Provide tactical, early-stage support to communities to determine level of readiness.
- Customize support to community needs but could include:
  - Support for general coalition-building,
  - Guidance on economic impact
  - Support for completion of communitylevel needs assessments.



## Resources for Communities

Child Care Community Awareness

Engage in community outreach efforts

Assist with Community needs assessment

Support coalition building

Community Resources

Provide Community Child Care Data

Provide State Child Care Data

Provide Economic Impact Data Business Resources

> Child Care Budget Tool

Family Friendly Resources

Workforce Resources



## Communities in Action Workshop

- Workshops are attended by community "teams", determined by each community
- Provides customized opportunities for community teams to learn from early childhood experts and other content experts from across Kansas' early childhood system, receive customized child care supply/demand data, and delve into identification and development of short- and long-term goals during structured planning time with an expert community coach.



## **GRANT INFORMATION**

- Working with communities to connect to local, regional and state funding resources.
- CCAKS has two funding options currently available for communities interested in increasing efforts to expand child care capacity.





## Follow Up

- Ongoing support is tailored to the readiness, pace, and scale of each community to support successful execution of the goals/action plan developed during the Communities in Action workshop.
- While the experience is customized for each community, our follow-up support for communities will focus on ongoing support for coalition-building and strategic implementation of community goals/plans.



## Continuum of Support

## Community Outreach & Engagement

Community coalitionbuilding, needs assessment, plan development, & access to community partnership grants

#### **Child Care Go Team**

Community mobilization, rapid response to needs/barriers, collaboration and realtime feedback

#### **Child Care Supports**

(Links to Quality, Child Care Health Consultant Network, ITSN, PD)

Ongoing support for capacity building, quality improvement, and workforce supports



## COE & CCGT

- Coalition building
- Needs assessment
- Strategic planning
- Developing local resources

- Statewide networking
- Technical expertise & problem solving
- Coordination of effort
- Marshalling of resources



## Sample COE and Local Go-Team

- Coalition members
  - New business rep, a small business owner, eco devo/local chamber of commerce, school district, county commissioner, city commissioner, provider rep, parent rep.
  - These should be people with the ability to say what the end result should look like – and have a general sense of what it will take to build -and who will theoretically be users of the system.

- Local/Regional CCGT members
  - New business rep (preferably from HR/Finance)
  - USD Superintendent/Board President
  - Hospital Admin
  - Philanthropy Program Manager
  - KDHE licensing surveyor
  - These should be people with the ability to approve plans -- and expenditures -- and who will theoretically be admins within the system.



## Go Team – General Principles

- The child care crisis is significant, widespread, and urgent.
- Each community's challenges are unique, and their solutions will be too.
- It will require deep listening, relationship building, and time to build credibility with communities.
- Addressing these challenges will require input, support, and effort from a variety of stakeholders.
- Both the challenges and supports need to be coordinated and evaluated through a broad lens.
- We start from "yes" and figure out "how" from there.



## Dual Scope – State Go Team

- State Go Team
  - Mission: Expand access to affordable, high-quality child care throughout Kansas by providing state level guidance and resources to implement locallydriven solutions.
  - Comprised of state agency staff with direct involvement in child care, representatives from KS provider associations, and staff support from Child Care Aware of Kansas.
  - Evaluates barriers elevated by CCGT coordinator as a group in order to ensure comprehensive assessment of the issues present and all possible solutions.
  - Collaborate to find solutions to issues raised by communities working to expand access to child care, and provide guidance on recurring issues.



## Dual Scope – Local/Regional Go Teams

- Function
  - Identify opportunities for community partnerships
  - Identify gaps in current support system
  - Collaborate to solve issues as locally as possible
  - Elevate issues that cannot be addressed locally to state Go Team (via the CCGT coordinator)



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#### EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- Save the Date for the 2023 Governance Summit
  - February 17, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
  - Join Us As We Bring Early Childhood Governance Groups Together To:
    - Discuss opportunities for how we can work together to best accomplish the goals of the All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan.
    - Share and celebrate each group's progress to date and discuss group goals and potential challenges in 2023.
    - Make connections across the early childhood system for current and future work.
  - Public Viewing Will Be Via Our YouTube Channel



#### KANSAS CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

- SPARK funding announced in late December is being administered through the Children's Cabinet under the Child Care Capacity Accelerator grant program! These grants will support construction/major renovation and operational support to add high-quality and sustainable licensed child care seats in Kansas. The application process includes a Letter of Interest, due February 20, before the final application will be due in May.
- Join the Children's Cabinet for an informational webinar this Thursday, February 9, 1-2pm. This webinar will cover the process for submitting a Letter of Interest and offer an opportunity to ask questions. Register to attend the webinar.
- Learn more about the Child Care Capacity Accelerator program at the <u>All In for Kansas</u> <u>Kids website</u> and watch for updates in the All In for Kansas Kids Weekly newsletter!

# Community Grant Opportunity



## DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

- → Are you a parent of a child age birth to 5 (Pre-K) in Kansas? We need your help to improve early childhood developmental health experiences!
- In 2021, we conducted a survey with families and providers across the state to learn more about their awareness of early childhood development, access to developmental health screenings, and who they turn to for resources and supports. We want to invite families to join us to hear more about the results and determine how funding should be utilized to improve experiences for families of young children in your communities.
- If you are interested in participating, please <u>click this link to register</u>. Participants who attend the full session will receive a \$100 stipend for their time, commitment, and input.



#### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- KCTTO: Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (KCCTO) offers a variety of trainings and other professional
  development opportunities for early childhood care & education professionals. <u>Scholarships are available!</u> Explore
  the <u>KCCTO website</u> to see what offerings might match your needs!
- **Child Abuse Prevention Training**: KCSL is now offering several trainings for child abuse prevention, which also qualify for child care licensing hours. Learn more and register for sessions at the KCSL website.
- Greenbush: Greenbush is an educational service center and has a wide variety of virtual and in-person trainings, workshops, and continuing education for educators in Kansas! Find out more about Greenbush and explore their event offerings at the <u>Greenbush website</u>.



#### 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
  - Postponed Racial Equity: A Foundation of Understanding
  - March 2 Promoting Resiliency with Youth Exposed to Domestic Violence
  - April 20 Child Abuse & Neglect with KSCL





#### 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 (<u>Registration</u>)





#### ECE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- NEKLS: Kansas Early Literacy Symposium
  - Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
  - April 14, 2023, Topeka, KS
  - More Info





#### ECE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- Kansas Parents as Teachers
   Association 2023 Conference
  - Webster Conference Center
  - April 17th-18th, 2023, Salina, KS
  - Registration







#### REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel meeting
   – 2023 Early Childhood
   Governance Summit February 17, 9-11:30 am
- Next Early Childhood Systems Building webinar, March 8th, 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





## Stay Up to Date



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