

All In For Kansas Kids



Kansas Early Childhood Governance Summit

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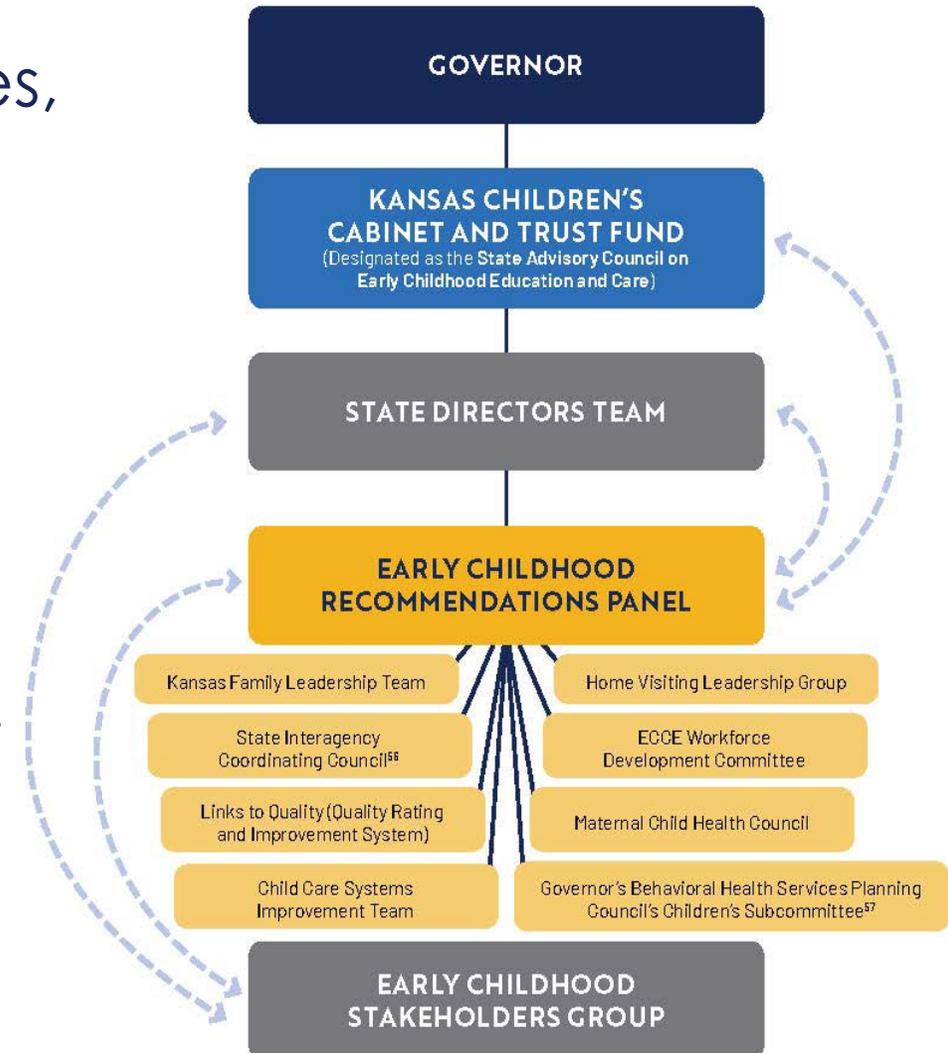
WELCOME

Thank you for serving Kansas children, families, and early childhood care and education professionals!

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KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome address by Amy Meek, Early Childhood Director, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
- Governance Groups Presentations – Part 1
- Break – 10 minutes
- Governance Groups Presentations – Part 2
- Next Steps / Closing



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Welcome Address

AMY MEEK, KCCTF EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR





Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

CORNELIA STEVENS



EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

Kansas [Executive Order 20-02](#) designates the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care

- The Panel is an advisory group to the Children's Cabinet to support these responsibilities

Meets monthly on the third Friday: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

- Live streamed on the [Children's Cabinet YouTube channel](#)
- [Kansans' Open Forum Comment Form](#): submit written comments or sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during the Kansans Open Forum portion of the meeting
- Meeting materials are posted at kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings

Overview



EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

The Children's Cabinet appoints members annually to a one-year term: July 1 through June 30

- Call for membership applications is shared in April

Currently 44 Panel members, representing:

- State Agencies
- Local School Districts
- Higher Education
- Local early childhood care and education providers
- Head Start
- Parents of young children receiving services in Kansas
- Organizations providing early childhood services

Overview



EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- The **All In For Kansas Kids Tactic Work Groups** continued their efforts to implement strategies from the Early Childhood Strategic Plan.
- Throughout the year, the Panel welcomed **presenters** from a broad cross-section of the early childhood system including Department for Children and Families, KS Association for Infant and Mental Health, Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities, KU Center for Public Partnerships and Research, Child Care Aware of KS, Kansas Dept. of Education, KS Dept. for Health and Environment, and Wichita State University.
 - The Panel would like to encourage Early Childhood Groups to bring work in progress to the Panel for feedback, input, and elevation, as well as to share progress and accomplishments.
- Representatives from state agencies, organizations, and community partners from the Kansas Early Childhood Governance System met on February 17, 2023 for the 2nd annual **Kansas Early Childhood Governance Summit** to share their work and report how their progress aligns with the *All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan*.

Accomplishments



EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

Tactic Work Groups will continue to work to develop recommendations to implement tactics from the [AIFKK Strategic Plan](#)

- **Tactic 7.1.2:** Study local zoning and homeowner associations across the state to identify laws that adversely affect the ability to operate a child care business in residential and commercial spaces
- **Tactic 6.1.1:** Develop recommendations to increase compensation and benefits for early childhood care and education professionals
- **Tactic 6.1.5:** Document and address recruitment and retention challenges (includes all early childhood care and education professionals)
- **Strategy 4.2:** Promote family-friendly workplaces throughout the public and private sectors

Future Efforts



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Workforce Development Advisory Group

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

The Workforce Development Advisory Group (WFDAG) is a function of the Kansas Workforce Development contract held by Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (KCCTO). Members of the WFDAG include representatives from state agencies, professional development organizations, higher education, and direct service professionals. The WFDAG's goal and focus are as follows:

- **Goal:** Provide ongoing connections with early childhood practitioners who provide early education and care to Kansas children and their families
- **Focus:** Frame our work through the lens of advancing and improving the early childhood professional development system in Kansas

Overview



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

Successful Recommendations:

- Data system/workforce registry
- [Individualized Professional Development Plans \(IPDP\)](#)
- Revised Core Competencies for Early Childhood Care and Education Professionals

In-Progress Recommendations:

- Trainer and Training Approval Process Recommendations
- Collaborative Technical Assistance Referrals

In-Progress Work:

- Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Workgroup
- Annual Professional Development Needs Assessment
- Support for the Career Pathway Implementation

Accomplishments



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

- Recruitment and involvement of direct service professionals
- Workforce Registry support

Future Efforts



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Child Care Systems Improvement Team

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CHILD CARE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

- Advisory group to KDHE that focuses on Child Care Licensing
- Started work again in 2020 after a several year break as part of PDG
- Group is comprised of stakeholders from across the state and early childhood care and education system
- The group has put forth 17 recommendations since 2021 to:
 - Improve clarity of regulations (e.g. staff qualifications)
 - Increase resources and supports for prospective and current child care providers
 - Increase public awareness

Overview



CHILD CARE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

- Serving as sounding board for Child Care Licensing regulatory review process
 - Critical guidance on proposed capacity, staff qualifications and program alignment
- Using recommendations to help inform website, resource, and process updates for Child Care Licensing
- Developed and implemented public awareness campaign focused on the importance licensed child care
- Developed [toolkit](#) to help home-based applicants navigate the licensing process (English and Spanish versions available on KDHE website)

Accomplishments



CHILD CARE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Continue efforts to support Child Care Licensing team's efforts to improve processes and supports as applicants and providers navigate licensing.

Future Efforts



CHILD CARE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

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Family First Statewide Interagency and Community Advisory Board

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FAMILY FIRST STATEWIDE ICAB

Family First Prevention Services shifts the focus of the child welfare system toward keeping children safe with their families.

Family First funding can be used for prevention services in four domains:

- Mental health services
- Substance use treatment
- In-home parent skill-based
- Kinship navigation

In Kansas, there are multiple Family First services available in every county, allowing for increased access to community-based prevention support.

Overview



FAMILY FIRST STATEWIDE ICAB

To support statewide implementation of Family First, The Interagency and Community Advisory Board (ICAB) was developed. This cross-system multi-agency and community collaboration operates within the six DCF regions of Kansas and statewide. The ICABs increase knowledge of service needs, gaps, and best practices and promote cross-system problem solving.

Family First and the ICABs authentically center family and community participation through the Family Council. The Family Council comprises 20 members with lived expertise in child welfare or prevention services, as an adult or youth. The Family Council leverages lived experience to inform systems change and makes decisions in the areas of service planning and delivery, research design, and dissemination.

Overview



FAMILY FIRST STATEWIDE ICAB

As of April 2023, there have been 4,088 Family First referrals in Kansas. Most of these referrals are for mental health services and parent skill building. Short-term outcomes indicate improved well-being for children and increased parent functioning for those using Family First services. Long-term outcomes show 90% of children are maintained safely at home during their service period and within one year of service referral.

The ICABs have made progress with information sharing. The Parent Survey (instrument to identify service needs and barriers to existing services) identified service array strengths and needs at county and regional levels. The ICAB Priority Mapping developed a shared understanding across sectors of child and family-serving initiatives and priorities.

Accomplishments



FAMILY FIRST STATEWIDE ICAB

The Family Council is routinely called upon to provide feedback and co-create policies using the family perspective. Recently, this has included providing feedback on House Bill 553 (requiring children in care to have ID card) and DCF Policies (Immediate Safety Determination and Unable to Locate). The Family Council also reviews and makes meaning of regional and statewide data and provides input on new initiatives (mandated reporter training and therapeutic foster care).

Accomplishments



FAMILY FIRST STATEWIDE ICAB

In 2024, the state of Kansas will write an updated Prevention Plan to guide continued Family First implementation. The new iteration of this plan will allow Kansas to consider the identified strengths and barriers identified through the existing Family First implementation and write a stronger plan.

Future plans for the ICABs include:

- Continued exploration of racial equity in child welfare
- Review and feedback on new child and family initiatives
- Ongoing advocacy training, data collection and engagement

Family Council: Development of navigation guides for families accessing various service entry points; Support implementation of local Family Resource Centers.

Future Efforts



FAMILY FIRST STATEWIDE ICAB

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Maternal Child Health Council

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MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL

The purpose of Kansas Maternal Child Health Council (KMCHC) is to advise the Secretary of Health and Environment, and others, on ways to improve the health of families in Kansas, focusing on the MCH population. The Council brings together several organizations and groups in Kansas with a broad range of expertise, including many who have been working for years to address and improve health outcomes in Kansas and other states.

Overview



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL

The Council:

- Encourages the exchange of information about women, infants, children and adolescents
- Advises on progress addressing specific MCH population needs
- Creates private and public-sector support for improving MCH health outcomes in Kansas
- Helps focus efforts among partners and recommends collaborative initiatives
- Submits an annual report summarizing the Council's work and making recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Environment each year.

Overview



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL

Large Group Discussions:

- In July 2022, the group heard a presentation from key stakeholders with Kansas Medicaid Initiatives and Updates.
- In October 2022, the Council heard a summary on the Governor's Racial Equity and Justice report, focusing on the parts pertaining to the MCH population.
- In January 2023, the Council went through the sensemaking process and how data is used to reflect on MCH activities and outcomes. In April 2023 Council focused on updates from the recent legislative session, the upcoming family planning needs assessment and a panel discussion on mental health in MCH populations.

Accomplishments



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL

Key Data Conversations:

- Relevant data was shared at each meeting associated with the large group discussion topic.

Small Group Work:

- The primary focuses this year was for members to really engage their organizations with advancing the work of the State Action Plan and collaborate with current work being done in the state.

Accomplishments



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL

Over the course of the next year, the KMCH Council will continue to:

- Support the MCH State Action Plan and the Title V Needs Assessment
- Discuss emerging MCH issues
- Provide feedback on the Block Grant Application

Additionally, this year our domain workgroups are being asked to consider a small project that the group could work to accomplish over the next year to advance MCH work in Kansas.

Future Efforts



MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL

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Family Leadership Team

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FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Family Leadership Team formed in 2021 as a part of the Preschool Development Grant (or PDG) and the All In For Kansas Kids (AIFKK) strategic plan, with the recognition of the importance of the family voice and how valuable partnership is with our families is.

The goal of this working group is to inform, support, develop, and advise on issues and initiatives that engage families in influencing and enabling systems-level change. Specifically, this group aims to support the healthy growth and development of children and parents, coordinate community services, cross-systems collaboration, and alignment at the state AND community level within the Early Childhood Care and Education System (ECCE).

Overview



FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The FLT is guided by the following beliefs

(that were developed alongside the families themselves and program leaders):

- Family engagement is foundational to understanding the experiences of those served through state and community programs.
- Family engagement during program planning, design, implementation, and evaluation are crucial to assurance that programs meet the needs of those they intend to serve.
- Family engagement is imperative to foster healthy development and encourage the well-being of children, youth, and families in Kansas.
- Family engagement can help prevent child abuse, foster school readiness, increase community engagement, promote family economic success, and create opportunities for the enhancement of parenting skills.
- The best approach to family engagement is multi-generational, strengths-based, and family-centered.
- “Family” looks different for everyone, and it is important to include diverse family representatives on the FLT to bolster the voices of all families.

Overview



FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our goal for the FLT is to have a group that is composed of family members who are strong advocates for their families as well as their communities across the state, and members of state agencies and statewide programs who provide services for families – particularly in early childhood. The agencies and program staff all see the importance of engaging with the families in their programs and support elevating their voices to help implement positive change throughout Kansas.

Overview



FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Throughout 2023, we have enhanced methods to better include family voice from across the state in meaningful ways.

One of the most impactful ways included the Family Voice Round Tables that were held for family voice across the state, in partnership with KU-CPPR and OSB. These sessions pulled the thread from the earlier-held developmental health family engagement sessions. The success of all sessions was gaining valuable insight from lived experience and family voice regarding needs and demographics that need attention.

Accomplishments



FAMILY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Goals for 2024:

- Hosting a virtual mixer for leadership involved with family voice and lived experience supports to connect, learn about the work of the FLT, and encourage (new) membership. Keep an eye out for a save the date on March 20th!

Creating ACTION – (on topics families have already told us they want more on)

- Digital Resource/Platform that is family friendly and easy to find information on their child's development that is Kansas specific.
- Family awareness on the ASQ's.

Future Efforts



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Home Visiting Leadership Group

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HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Home Visiting Leadership Team is comprised of:

- Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund
- DCCCA
- Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) Healthy Families America (HFA)
- Kansas City Kansas Parents as Teachers (KCK PAT) USD 500
- Kansas Department for Children & Families (DCF) (Early Head Start & Family First)
- Kansas Department of Education (KSDE)
- Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)
- Kansas Head Start Association (KHSA)
- Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA)
- Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services (Part C)
- Maternal Child Health (MCH) Universal HV (Barton County HD)
- Maternal Child Health (MCH) Universal HV (Shawnee County HD)
- Project Eagle – Centralized Intake
- University of Kansas, Center for Public Partnerships & Research (KU CPPR)

Overview



HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP GROUP

Progress and Accomplishments

- Kansas Home Visiting Conference 2023
- Kansas Home Visiting Universal Definition
- Readiness Assessment: plan for bringing on new Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting communities
- Newly shared SHVL leadership structure between KDHE and KSDE

Accomplishments



HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP GROUP

Future Efforts and Goals

- Refresh of the SHVL group
- Relaunch the SHVL website for transparency and information sharing
- Increased focus on unification of services
- Ensure all home visiting programs are appropriately represented
- Increase opportunities for Early childhood partners to have a voice in our states continuum

Future Efforts



HOME VISITING LEADERSHIP GROUP

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Kansas Early Learning Standards

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KANSAS EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

The Kansas Early Learning Standards Update Team is comprised of Early Childhood Partners across the state.

We have worked over the past two years to update the Kansas Early Learning Standards that were last updated in 2013.

- Updates centered around updating the standards based upon new and current knowledge and research
- Specific focus was placed on developmentally appropriate practices, ease of use and accessibility, as well as the incorporation of practices to ensure responsive and respectful early learning environments and supporting children from diverse backgrounds

Overview



KANSAS EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

The Kansas Board of Education approved the updates at their January 10th meeting and the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund approved them at their February 2nd meeting.

This means we are ready to start printing!

You can find the updated **KELS** online [here](#):



Accomplishments



KANSAS EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

1. Distribution of Printed Copies
2. Development of Training
3. Development of Website

Thank you to those who contributed both by being on the revision team and those who provided feedback on the revisions!

Future Efforts



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Family Advisory Council

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FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The purpose of the Family Advisory Council is to advise and partner with Title V and the Bureau of Family Health to improve the health of Kansas children and families and assure the needs of families and consumers are central to programming, initiatives, and special projects. We bring together families and consumers across Kansas with a broad range of lived experiences, the Council envisions a state where individuals and families are:

- Engaged in program planning, evaluation, service delivery, and policy development
- Partners in advocacy
- Leaders in their communities

Overview



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

To follow through with our vision at KDHE our members of the FAC:

- Provide insight on the experiences and needs of women, infants, children, and adolescents
- Advises on strategies and activities to address specific MCH population needs
- Creates a network of community change agents to improve MCH health outcomes in Kansas
- Helps focus efforts among Title V programming and recommends collaborative initiatives

Overview



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our council currently has five (5) core work groups that reflect MCH populations:

- Women/Maternal
- Early Childhood (birth – age 5)
- Child (ages 6 – 11)
- Adolescence (ages 12+)
- Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN)

Overview



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

We have a goal for our work groups to have 7 – 11 members from across the state, with a variety of community and life experiences. To help our members participate we provide our families with a base stipend for their time and offer a variety of additional supports during meetings (both in-person and virtual).

Each work group gets to review our Title V State Action Plan, have discussions on what they feel are larger issues they see in their communities, and find a “project” that can help drive some of that work forward. Their project can look like many different things: from providing an official recommendation to the state to helping design or re-design a program.

Overview



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

- The FAC meets quarterly, with alternating meetings being either virtual or in-person. During a council meeting there is time for the whole group to be together where there can be larger group work, which often includes cross-cutting initiatives, and systems wide presentations, that share about work happening in our state. They are also given time for their work groups, which consists of working on the “project” each work group has selected based on our current Title V State Action Plan.
- To help support our families on the council KDHE has both core staff to help organize and support as well as connects staff in the Bureau of Family Health whose core work reflects the current project of one of the work groups.
- The FAC also receives additional support from the families themselves, as each work group elects two of their members to serve as co-chairs. The co-chairs share additional responsibilities in helping to facilitate conversation with their members, take notes, and guide their work groups project.

Overview



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Our co-chairs also serve on the FAC's Executive Committee which oversees the work of the council, the council's structure, and gives the opportunity to help plan upcoming meetings. This structure was core to building out an expanded council, which was designed in 2020, to help support each work group as well as staff at KDHE. It helps to build stronger partnerships and provides family members with leadership experience.

We truly value the partnerships with our council members and see them as an extension of our team!

Overview



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Since the FAC expanded from a specific focus on families who had Children with Special Health Care Needs to the broader MCH populations, in 2023 most of our work groups had the minimum desired membership, with the exception of our Women/Maternal work group which does not.

- Each of our five work groups have made progress in their work group “projects”. One of the great things about working with these families is their ability to listen, learn, and change directions when opportunities are presented to them along with more information.
- **This being the Early Childhood Governance Summit, I would like to put a specific focus on our Early Childhood work group for their progress. They spent 2023 looking into resources families would benefit from while they are in the newborn phase with their baby, and how that might be able to support the Fourth Trimester Initiative.**

Accomplishments



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our FAC work groups are really what drive the majority of accomplishments that come from the council. **For 2023, here is what each of our work groups are currently working on:**

Women/Maternal:

- Will be working with the KDHE team to help identify a project, likely in the form of a social media awareness campaign.

Early Childhood:

- Focusing on prevention and resources for families.
- Working with KDHE team to find the best way to support and educate families.

Future Efforts



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Child & Adolescence: *(these two work groups have combined to focus on mental and behavioral health for school-aged kids)*

- They are working on creating a conference session to be presented at the Parent Leadership Conference 2024 where they will hold focus groups with families about their struggles and success in identifying mental or behavioral health services/needs for their children.
- They are also developing resources and evidence-based information to share with the families during their session.

Future Efforts



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

CSHCN:

- Working with the information they gathered with the help of the Charting the LifeCourse: Experiences and Questions Booklet. They are planning to spend 2024 working on a focus of the “Transition” life stage.
- Outcome goal for this project is to help identify information to be added to a website that families can access to see what services their child is eligible for and at what point they need to apply for certain services.

Future Efforts



FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

We cannot express how much we value our members! They are all amazing individuals!

- We do currently have some spots available on each of the work groups, if you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the council we have an online application for them to fill out. You can find more information at:
<https://kansasmch.org/fac-about.asp>
- Or go directly to our application: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FAC_App

Thank you!

Thank You



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State Interagency Coordinating Council

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STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Mission

- The SICCC is to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with, or at risk of, developmental delays or disabilities from birth through age five and their families

Council Membership

- Established in federal law and state statute

Council Responsibility

- Advise/assist Governor, Legislature, and State Agencies

Overview



STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Why Do We Have A SICCC?

- Federal Law – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A)
Public Law 108-446 Section 641
- State Statute 74-7801 to 74-7803

Overview



STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Progress and Accomplishments

- Provided 18 LICC grants totaling \$34,900 to increase caregiver involvement, promote community awareness, and provide learning opportunities for providers and caregivers
- Collaborated with technical assistance providers to understand how to best support increasing funding for infant toddler services
- Promoted the use of Educate Kansas to recruit infant toddler providers
- Created a new website – kansasicc.ksde.org
- Collaborated to update and improve resources for Part C to B transitions
- Held an LICC Retreat that provided training to increase the effectiveness of early childhood services to nearly 110 providers and caregivers

Accomplishments



STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

- **Goal One:** Promote the management and function of the SICCC as it aligns and compliments the “All in for Kansas” strategic plan.
- **Goal Two:** Maximize categorical aid funding in Part C programs.
- **Goal Three:** Maximize Medicaid reimbursement for Part C and Part B.
- **Goal Four:** Research the viability of statewide private insurance payments for Part C.

Future Efforts



STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL

- **Goal Five:** Improve the availability of reliable resources and information for parents in a centralized location.
- **Goal Six:** Improve the recruitment and retention of the local workforce by collaborating with others.
- **Goal Seven:** Increase inclusion opportunities/experiences in communities identified with low inclusion data.
- **Goal Eight:** Increase the availability of mental health resources for providers and caregivers.

Future Efforts



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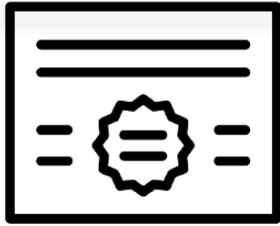
The [Early Childhood Data Trust](#) reflects the commitment of five state agencies to share data and information to improve the quality, effectiveness, and equity of programs and services for Kansas children and families. These state agencies are dedicated to working together to use the best possible information available to make data-informed decisions that support child and family well-being in communities across our state.

KU CPPR serves as the Technical Trustee, supporting governance and ECIDS development and oversight.

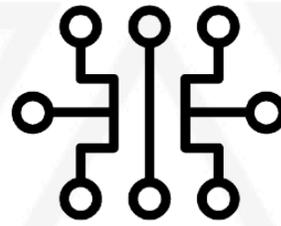
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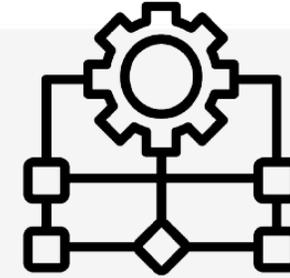
KANSAS ECIDS GOVERNANCE & ROLES



Legal and Ethical
Framework



Technical
Standards and Tools



Data Governance
Process

Data Trust Agreement
2021

- Multi-agency agreement to create and govern Data Trust

Project Specific Data Sharing Agreements

- Authorized Project DSAs for specific integration

KS Data Trust Assets and Resources

- Resource library of data and systems review across agencies
- Data dictionaries, schematics, ontology map
- Agency staff use cases, requests, gaps

KS Data Trust Governance Board

- Trustee - KCCTF
- Members – KSDE, KDHE, DCF, DoC
- Technical Trustee – KU CPPR
- Quarterly Board meetings

KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA TRUST

The result of this work is the [Distinct Count of Children dashboard](#) – an effective way to serve children and their families. The dashboard is an all-in-one spot with dynamic mapping and overlays to see:

- About how many children are being served in each of the 4 major early care and education programs;
- Where children receive services by county and region;
- Who those children are by age, sex, race, and ethnicity;
- Plus, other interactive features.

Overview



KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA TRUST

The distinct count dashboard was launched on December 11th, 2023, at Stellar Insights: Mapping Kansas Early Childhood Data for Brighter Futures. This summit brought together members of the data trust to celebrate this achievement.

Following the launch, the KS ECIDS team presented the dashboard and its findings to many agencies.

Accomplishments



KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA TRUST

Enhance the dashboard with:

- Census data
- Next year's data
- Additional explanatory text
- Exploring additional improvements, guided by feedback from users

Stellar Insights webinars:

- Sharing knowledge, identifying needs, and nurturing collaboration

Future Efforts



KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA TRUST

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Quality Recognition and Improvement System Advisory Board

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QRIS ADVISORY BOARD

Child Care Quality Improvement Support System (CCQIS) Community Advisory Group funded by the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

The CCQIS Community Advisory Group plays a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of early care and education in Kansas. Primarily focused on the development of Kansas' Quality Recognition Improvement System (QRIS) Links to Quality and the statewide implementation of Shared Services.

Overview



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One of the groups key contributions was assisting in the selection of two child care management software platforms for statewide implementation.

Currently 741 Kansas providers are utilizing child care management software at no cost to them for 14 months. Enrollment for this opportunity is open until April 30, 2024.

Accomplishments



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Link Development: Learning and development link work to begin February 2024.

Expanded Collaboration: Work closely with other groups to ensure system alignment.

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Children's Subcommittee of the
Governor's Behavioral Health
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CHILDREN'S SUBCOMMITTEE

The Children's Subcommittee generates recommendations for the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council (GBHSPC) regarding the Behavioral Health System of Kansas as it relates to Kansas children and their families.

The GBHSPC reviews not just this subcommittee's recommendations but other existing subcommittees and presents all Behavioral Health recommendations to the Secretary of KDADS and the governor.

It is acknowledged that although the priority focus of the GBHSPC are the SPMI and SED target populations ([Federal law 102-321](#)), the work of the subcommittee is to be conducted with the whole system and all Kansas citizens with behavioral health needs in mind.

Overview



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CHILDREN'S SUBCOMMITTEE

Goal 1: KSKidsMAP

- Continue to serve as the advisory council for KDHE's KSKidsMAP pediatric mental health grant.
- Make progress on the recommendation to sustain the program by continuing to research and identify opportunities or actions for the committee or others to take to sustain the project.

Accomplishments
and Goals



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Goal 2: Continuum of Care and Parent and Community Engagement

- Review the system of care to identify current resources and needs, ensure parents know what services are available and how to access them.
- Professionals are educated to refer parents/caregivers to services/support.

**Accomplishments
and Goals**



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Goal 3: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- Focus on unserved and underserved populations with a focus on race, ethnicity, gender identity, language, and culture.

**Accomplishments
and Goals**



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KSKidsMAP:

- Continue to serve as the advisory council and support the sustainability of the KSKidsMAP program.

Support initiatives for Transitional Age Youth, with particular emphasis on the IDD population and supporting the families.

Early Childhood MH services, focusing on prevention, positive childhood experiences and health pregnancy/postpartum impact on development and what resources would be needed through the development in the early years.

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- Lack of support for adoptive parents
- Early Childhood mental health services and funding
- Substance Use – other groups and systems are looking at this
- Improve cross-system care” or “improve services for children/youth receiving multi-system services
- Workforce KDADS strategic plan, CW case managers for DCF/CMPs
- Healthy pregnancy/postpartum impact on early development
- Prevention and focus on positive childhood experiences to avoid the ACES impact
- Transitional age youth – CCBHCs coordination to other resources and supporting them through SDOH, connection in the community, employment, VocRehab, employers who will support this (homelessness for aging out of CW) STEPS

Additional Topics



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES CHILDREN'S SUBCOMMITTEE

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

○ Bright Spots!

- We invite Panel members and other Early Childhood Representatives to come off mute and share bright spots
- Keep an eye out for the Early Childhood Governance Summit event summary on the Children's Cabinet website:
<https://kschildrenscabinet.org/>
- Contact Lindsay Orion, lindsayorion@ku.edu, with follow up questions or requests for information

**Bright Spots &
Next Steps**





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