

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR DECEMBER 11, 2024



WELCOME

- 2025 Webinar Series
 - Following this webinar you will receive a Zoom series invite with Subject Line: **KS Early Childhood Systems-Building Webinar (2025) Confirmation**
 - If you do not receive this email by the end of December check your trash/spam folder or email me at **jgruss@ku.edu**
- Sign up to receive our All In For Kansas Kids e-Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – **<http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/>**
- Presentation on 2024 accomplishments by Melissa Rooker of KCCTF and Owen Cox of KU CPPR
- Early Childhood Systems Updates

Agenda



2025 Webinar Schedule

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

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Welcome Address

MELISSA ROOKER, KCCTF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
TO FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
ACROSS KANSAS!**



A young girl with long blonde hair, wearing a bright yellow sleeveless dress, is running through a grassy field. She is holding a string of colorful balloons (blue, green, yellow, purple, pink) in her right hand. The background is a soft, hazy landscape under a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is joyful and celebratory.

2024 Children's Cabinet Annual Report Highlights

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROGRAMS



Children's Cabinet

Connector

Convenes diverse stakeholders in children's issues from government, nonprofit, and the private sector.

Champion

Elevates the importance of investing in early childhood and contributes to innovative program approaches.

Strategist

Identifies opportunities for effective collaboration and overcomes barriers to optimal system performance.

Evaluator

Evaluates use of the CIF, contributes to data-informed decision making, and offers practice and policy recommendations.

Manager

Manages grant-making, fund administration, and strategic planning processes.

Roles



Overview

- Children's Initiatives Fund
- Early Childhood Block Grant
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
- Child Care Capacity Accelerator
- Capital Project Fund

**Community-Driven
Programs**



Children's Initiatives Fund

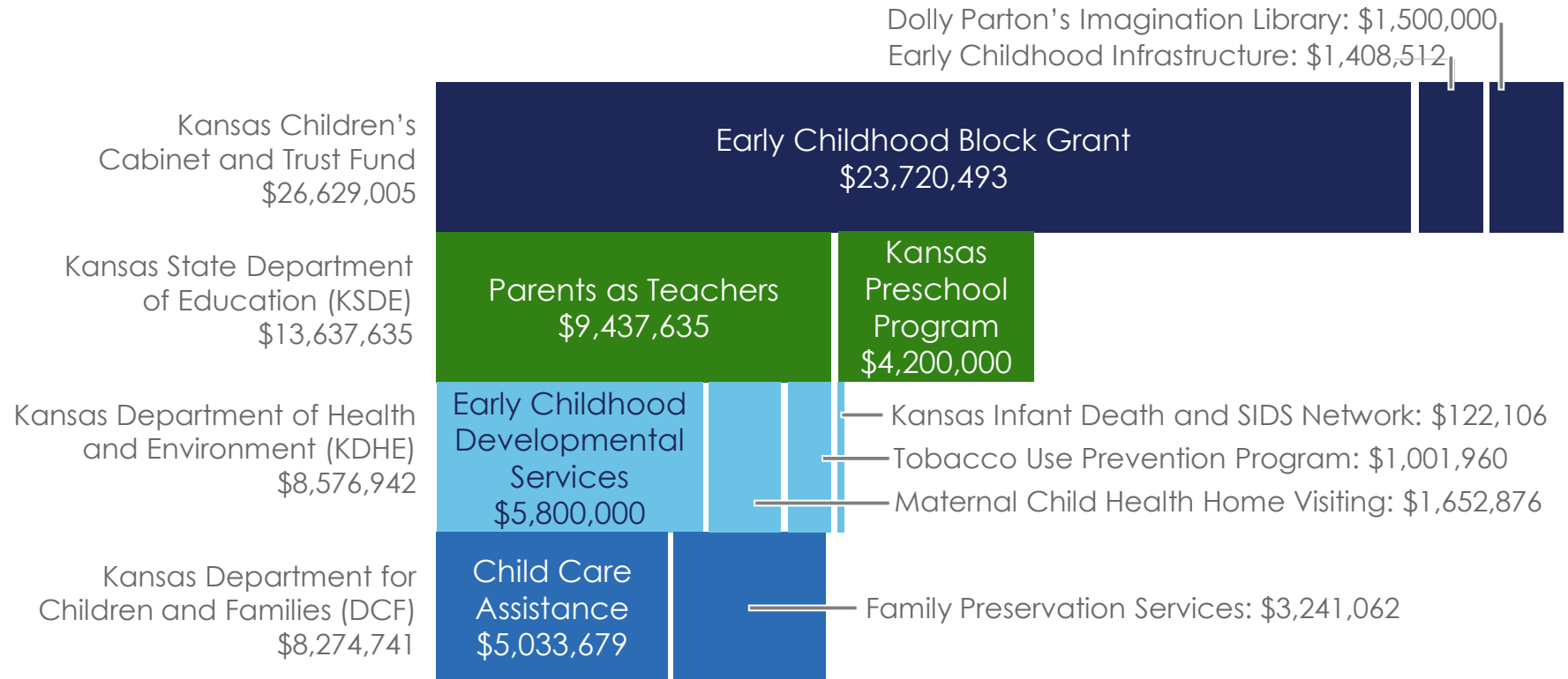
- Created in 1999 to focus investment of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds
- Funded 10 programs in 2024 in the areas of early care and education, early intervention, maltreatment prevention, and tobacco use prevention
- Programs required to take part in the Accountability Process
- Profiles include program descriptions, populations served, and impact data

**Community-Driven
Programs**



CIF Funding by Agency and Program

TOTAL FUNDING: \$57,493,323



* Including \$375,000 allotted to the Accountability Fund

CIF Accountability Process Key Takeaways

- **Supporting Families:** Programs provide essential support for the healthy development of children and families, as evidenced by performance metrics and family feedback.
- **Increasing Program Impact:** All programs utilize multiple funding streams. CIF enables them to extend reach and impact.
- **Basic Needs:** Many families struggle to meet basic needs, which can blunt the effectiveness of services.
- **Staffing:** Programs struggle to find and retain staff. Many cite low wages as the primary contributor.
- **Mental Health:** There is a need for additional mental and behavioral health resources for children, families, and service providers.

**Community-Driven
Programs**

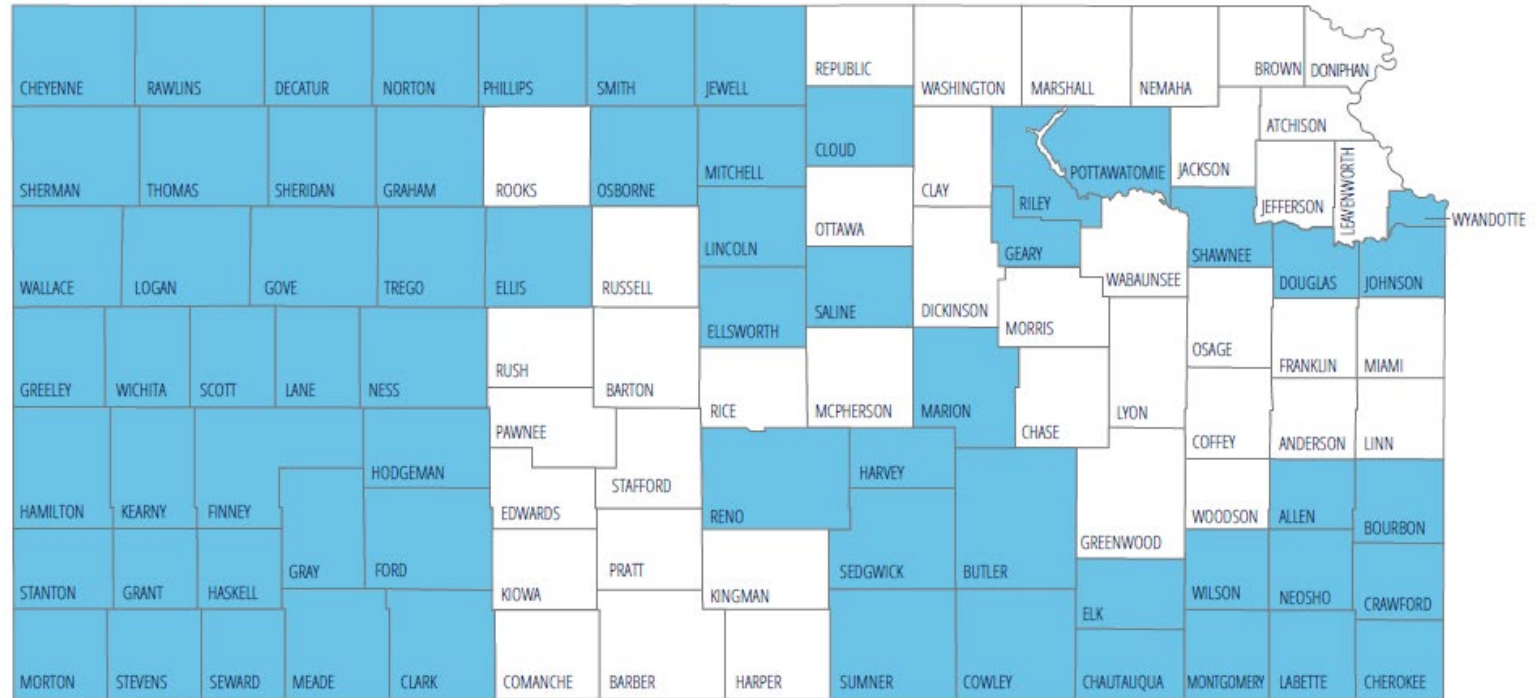


Early Childhood Block Grant

Signature CIF investment

In 2024, ECBG-funded programs served over 8,000 children and almost 7,000 caregivers across 63 counties

Counties Served



Community-Driven Programs



ECBG Evaluation Key Takeaways

Family and Program Outcomes

- 17% increase in positive parenting
- 1% increase in parental stress
- 2% decrease in full-time care in the last year
- 78% high-quality classrooms

Child Outcomes

- 75% on track in early communication
- 59% of 3-year-olds on track in early literacy
- 70% on track in language comprehension
- 68% on track in early numeracy

**Community-Driven
Programs**



Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

- Federally funded program focused on preventing child maltreatment
- Kansas Children's Cabinet serves as state lead agency
- Funded \$2,050,484 million in 2024, includes American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding
- 11 grantees offering an array of services including parent education, home visiting, case management, preventative legal services, and resource centers

**Community-Driven
Programs**



CBCAP Evaluation Results

Protective Factors Survey results:

- 30% growth in family functioning and resilience
- 8% growth in nurturing and attachment
- 30% growth in social supports
- 11% growth in caregiver/practitioner relationship

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Programs**



Accelerator Year One Highlights

- 63 total communities
- 36 located in rural parts of the state
- 23 new facilities in 20 counties
- 3,340 new licensed child care slots created in Year 1
 - 5,655 projected by the end of the grant program
- 448 new child care staff hired
- \$58 million in matching cash and/or in-kind funds

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Programs**



Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund provides construction-only funding to build/renovate multi-purpose community facilities that:

- Provide employment and educational activities
- Ensure immediate broadband access
- Offer health monitoring services
- Address a critical need
- Create new licensed child care slots

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Programs**





Questions?



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Early Childhood
Systems Updates



PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Exciting news for Kansas! The Preschool Development Grant is a federal grant program that supports states and territories in improving their early childhood systems by providing funding to enhance access to high-quality early care and education for children from birth to age five.

- Kansas was **one** of only **10** states awarded
- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund is the grantee
- Approximately \$7 million per year anticipated
- Grant will run from 9/30/2024 – 9/29/2027 (pending annual Congressional approval)
- Kansas' fourth PDG award
- PDG funding specifically supports strengthening early childhood systems – in Kansas, these efforts are guided by the ***All In for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan***

Grant Award



GRANT INITIATIVES

All PDG projects covered by the grant fall into one of the following categories:

- Strengthening AIFKK system-level knowledge, collaboration, and communication
- Early childhood workforce
- Family resources and navigation
- State/local partnerships and community collaboration

Overview



BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS CENTER

Brazelton Touchpoints Center is a national child development center based at Boston Children's Hospital, providing "professional and leadership development, organizational learning and change, and research and evaluation services for family-facing professionals working in pediatrics, early childhood care and education, infant mental health, children's libraries and museums, home visiting, early intervention, child welfare, and other fields."

- Brazelton also offers FREE opportunities for families to connect through open conversations running year-round:
 - [Family-to-Family Real Talk Series](#)
 - [Somos Latine Families](#)
 - [Communities Strengthening Themselves](#)
- Check out Brazelton's [learning catalog](#), where you can browse by audience, conversation, or topic

**Family Resources &
Professional Development**



Brazelton 
Touchpoints Center™

HOME VISITING WORKGROUP

We need your help! Calling individuals interested in Home Visiting workforce development!

The [Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development](#) is looking for individuals in the home visiting field to participate in a workgroup to inform our research and evaluation efforts. If you have worked in home visiting for at least one year, you are eligible to participate in the workgroup. Workgroup members will receive an honorarium for their preparation and participation in virtual meetings.

- The workgroup will include home visitors, home visiting supervisors, program managers/directors, state, territory, and Tribal home visiting leads, technical assistance and professional development providers, as well as researchers and evaluators
- If you are interested in participating please complete this [brief interest form](#).

Workforce Development



HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Reminder! Open Enrollment is happening now through January 15th!

The Administration for Children and Families is partnering with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to spread the word about open enrollment to the early care and education workforce who may be eligible for quality, low-cost healthcare plans through the [Healthcare Marketplace](#)!

- Family child care providers and staff in other early care and education settings may qualify for tax credits and other benefits that millions of Americans are eligible for, due to the Inflation Reduction Act and the American Rescue Plan.
- Now is the perfect time for early care and education staff to find out what they qualify for, compare health insurance plans, and enroll in health coverage!
- Find out more about the Marketplace [here](#)!

Open Enrollment



REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **2024 Early Childhood Recommendations Panel**

Friday, December 20th – 9 am-11:30 am

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, February 12th – 12-1:00 pm

- **Children's Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, February 7th – 9 am-12 pm

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

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