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Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR MARCH 13, 2024



WELCOME

- Webinar Cadence
 - AIFKK webinars will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month in 2024
- 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 newly updated All In for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan and Public Feedback portal by Erica Figueroa of KU CPPR
- 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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2024 Strategic Plan

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CONTEXT

Preschool Development B-5 Planning Grant (PDG) - 2019

- Required and funded the initial statewide Needs Assessment
- Launched the *All in for Kansas Kids* brand
- *All in for Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan – finished April 2020

Preschool Development B-5 Implementation Grant (PDG-R) – 2020-2024

- Funded support for strategic planning activities

Preschool Development B-5 Planning Grant (PDG-P) – 2023

- Requires an updated Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan
- Collaboration between 4 state agencies (Cabinet, KSDE, KDHE, and DCF)
- New 5-year *All in for Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan – Target date of summer 2024

**All in for Kansas Kids
Strategic Plan**



PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Updated Statewide Needs Assessment

- Data collection and writing (All of 2023)
- Presenting at February 2024 Children's Cabinet Meeting
- Available in late February on Children's Cabinet website

New 5-year *All in for Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan (2024-2028)

- Evaluation of old plan and initial writing - Fall 2023
- Feedback sessions - Winter/Spring 2023-2024
- Finalization and presentation - late Summer 2024

**All in for Kansas Kids
Strategic Plan**



STRATEGIC PLAN PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

Purpose: Provide a north star and unified vision for the Kansas Early Childhood Ecosystem and help guide decision-making for EC leaders and champions at all levels.

Document Structure

- Pillars – broad categories that align with the Needs Assessment (Ecosystem, Workforce, Children & Families)
- Goals – Full sentence objectives that specify how to get to the vision
- Actions – Detailed steps to take to meet the Goals
- Measures of Success – data points we can track on how we know we are going in the right direction

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What actions could achieve these goals?
- Are there gaps and if so, what are they?
- Where do I see myself and my work in the Strategic Plan?
- Where do I see the children and families I work with in the Strategic Plan?

Strategic Plan Discussion





Ecosystem Pillar



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 1: Strengthen the continuum of early childhood services through widespread collaboration across state and local partners. *(Collaboration, Governance)*

Goal 2: Connect families to the right service at the right time through comprehensive networks of resource and services. *(Navigation)*

Pillar: Ecosystem



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 3: Measure impact across the continuum of early childhood services over time and use the data to make changes that reduce disparities and improve outcomes for children. *(Data, Equity, Impact)*

Goal 4: Promote agreements between public and private sectors to expand early childhood supports. *(Investments, Community-driven partnerships)*

Pillar: Ecosystem



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 5: Support policies and/or efforts that increase capacity, enhance quality, improve access to services, and contribute to economic security for families. *(Policy and process improvement, Reducing Admin Barriers)*

Goal 6: Strengthen existing tools and create new resources that help families make informed decisions and experience seamless transitions in support of their child's interests, healthy social-emotional development, and academic potential. *(Seamless transitions; Early identification; Family Knowledge and Choice)*

Pillar: Ecosystem





Pillar: Workforce



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 1: Support strategies to increase the overall compensation of early childhood professionals and improve the financial sustainability of programs.

(Compensation, Financial Sustainability)

Goal 2: Build workforce capacity to provide high-quality early childhood services. *(Workforce Capacity)*

Pillar: Workforce



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 3: Support early childhood professionals to help them reach their professional development goals. *(Professional Development)*

Goal 4: Support high quality programming and resources for children in all birth to 5 environments so they can reach appropriate developmental goals.
(Quality of Experiences and Environments)

Pillar: Workforce





Pillar: Children and Families



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 1: Engage families in experiences to both learn and contribute, while creating new opportunities to help shape the early childhood system. *(Family Voice and Knowledge)*

Goal 2: Build awareness of the continuum of services to help families make informed decisions in support of their child's interests, healthy development, and learning. *(Family Choice)*

Pillar: Children & Families



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 3: Improve child well-being by increasing access to the continuum of services that prioritize safe, nurturing parent/caregiver relationships and strong families.

(Family Well-being)

Goal 4: Prioritize the mental health of families by offering accessible, multi-generational services to both children and parents/caregivers. *(Mental/Behavioral Health)*

Pillar: Children & Families



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS - ACTIONS

Goal 5: Ensure families have trusted culturally, linguistically, and diverse-ability-appropriate experiences across early childhood services. *(Equity and Inclusion)*

Pillar: Children & Families



DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLIC INPUT

Your voice is vital to ensure our goals and action plans going forward reflect what is needed to help *every child thrive!*

Complete the [survey form](#) to tell us what you think, where you see your own work and ambitions in the plan, and where you don't. We want to know what you value most and where we might seem to be missing the mark.

This feedback form will be open from **March 4, 2024 until April 19, 2024.**

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SMALL GROUP FEEDBACK SESSIONS

We are holding two additional Strategic Plan Feedback Sessions specifically for families, family leaders, and members of the Family Advisory Council!

Saturday, April 13th at 12pm

- [Register Here!](#)

Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30pm

- [Register Here!](#)

Strategic Plan





Next Steps - Feedback

- **PUBLIC FORM ON CHILDREN'S CABINET WEBSITE – AVAILABLE THRU THE END OF APRIL**
- **ADDITIONAL SMALL GROUP FEEDBACK SESSIONS**
- **ALL IN NEWSLETTER AND WEBINARS**



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Early Childhood
Systems Updates



STELLAR INSIGHTS EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA WEBINAR SERIES

Designed for early childhood services professionals, this webinar aims to raise awareness of existing data tools, how to use them, why to use them, and how collaborating around data can help us get to a place where every child thrives. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion and learn how to advance your data-driven practices!

Topic: Every Child Counts: An Introduction to Data Resources

Speaker: Monica Murnan from the Greenbush Education Center

- Thursday, March 28th from 10:00-11:00 am
- Register [Here!](#)

Early Childhood
Resources



Kansas
EARLY CHILDHOOD
Integrated Data

KANSAS FIGHTS ADDICTION COMMUNITY FUTURES TOUR

The Kansas Fights Addiction needs assessment, United to Transform, is excited to invite all Kansans - including families with young children - to participate in our upcoming Community Futures Tour.

These discussions will explore multiple future possibilities for communities, organizations, and families, related to substance use disorder (SUD) experiences in Kansas. Your insights will contribute to guiding futures focused opportunities for innovation and resilience amidst change.

Community Futures Tour

MAR 19, *Pittsburg*
9:00-11:00 a.m.

MAR 20, *Salina*
6:00-8:00 p.m.

MAR 22, *Kansas City*
2:00-4:00 p.m.

MAR 19, *Wichita*
2:00-4:00 p.m.

MAR 21, *Manhattan*
9:30-11:30 a.m.

MAR 23, *Virtual Session*
10:00-Noon

MAR 20, *Garden City*
9:00-11:00 a.m.

MAR 21, *Topeka*
1:00-3:00 p.m.

MAR 20, *Hays*
2:00-4:00 p.m.

MAR 22, *Overland Park*
10:00-Noon



Visit: unitedtotransform.com

United to **Transform**

Needs Assessment



MANHATTAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION JOB OPENING

Manhattan Community Foundation seeking Executive Director! An exciting development for those following the Child Care capacity Accelerator grantees: The Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF) is hiring to further their Accelerator work!

Dual Titled Position:

Executive Director – Child Care Business

Accelerator (CBA) and Director – Flint Hills Community Accelerator (FHCA)

- Are you an experienced leader looking for an exciting and unique opportunity to greatly impact the community? The GMCF is seeking the right individual to direct and operationalize a newly created and innovative concept for a Child Care Business Accelerator and Community Accelerator.
- Learn more about this job opportunity and apply at the [GMCF website!](#)

Accelerator News



NITA. M LOWEY 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT COMPETITION

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is conducting a 2024 Kansas 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Competition!

- The 21st CCLC programs are intended to create community learning centers that provide academic and enrichment opportunities for children outside of the regular school day
- In order to qualify for 21st CCLC funds, grantees must meet the following **absolute priority**: The grant will primarily serve students who attend schools eligible for Title I Schoolwide programs. Title I Schoolwide designation typically means that at least 40% of the students qualify to receive free or reduced-cost meals
- Learn more and apply [here!](#)

Grants & Funding



2024 CCPC PLAY ACADEMY

The Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas is a professional development event throughout the

- All held on ZOOM from 6:30–8:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday the 2nd
 - Thursday the 11th
 - Tuesday the 16th
 - Thursday the 25th
- Register [HERE!](#)

Professional Development



8 KDHE APPROVED HOURS
VARIETY OF WORKSHOPS
INTERACTIVE FACEBOOK EVENT
ONLINE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION
AMAZING GIVEAWAYS



SPEAKERS

KIM SPECHT
EARLY CHILDHOOD
BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST



KRISTY DEGRAAF
FAMILY CHILDCARE PRO



APRIL ZAJKO
EDUCATIONAL
CONSULTANT
APRILS LEARNING TREE



ANNE HARRIS
EDUCATIONAL
CONSULTANT
LIVELY MINDS



DON'T MISS YOUR
CHANCE!
ONLY 150 SPOTS
AVAILABLE

SAVE THE DATE

March 20, 2024 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Family Leadership Team Mixer

Join us for interactive sessions to realign the Family Leadership Team, discuss actionable solutions, and reengage and increase membership.

Register today!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCES

Camp GWC Early Childhood Annual Conference

- April 12 (virtual)-13 (in-person) in Wichita, KS
- Featuring a variety of workshops, keynote speakers, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of those working with children
- Learn more [here!](#)

Southeast Kansas Child Care Conference to Elevate Early Childhood Professionals

- April 20th in Fort Scott, KS
- The day will include an inspiring keynote presentation by Cari Ebert, M.S., CCC-SLP
- Participants will get to choose a morning and an afternoon breakout session to attend. Participants who attend the entire conference will earn 6 hours of KDHE in-service credits.
- Learn more and register [here!](#)

**Professional
Development**



REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **2024 Early Childhood Recommendations Panel**

Friday, March 22nd – 9 am-11:30 am

- **Children’s Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, April 5th – 9 am-12 pm

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, April 10th – 12-1:00 pm

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

Stay Connected!





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Thanks!

