



Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023





Welcome & Approval of Minutes

DON HINEMAN, CHAIR



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 6 - Regular Meeting
- October 6 - Board Retreat
- October 19 – Special Meeting (Capital Projects Fund Accelerator Grants)

Minutes





2023 Children's Cabinet Annual Report

MELISSA ROOKER & JESSICA SPRAGUE-JONES



Vision and Goals

- Reports the full scope of the Children's Cabinet's 2023 work
- Four sections describe the work, highlight insights and articulate next steps:
 - Our Progress
 - Data for Impact
 - Our Children's Future
 - Recommendations

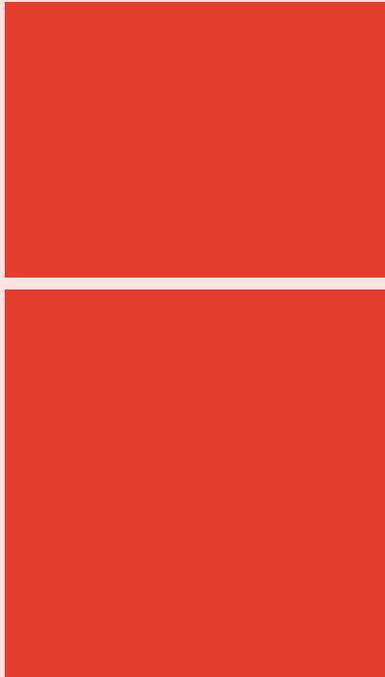
Annual Report



KCCTF Funding

ONE-TIME

Federal Relief and Recovery Funding



\$92,593,294

Child Care Capacity and Capital Projects Fund Accelerator

ON-GOING

Tobacco Master Settlement & Federal Funding



\$54,857,300

Children's Initiatives Fund and Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

COMPETITIVE

Federal Grant



\$13,803,000

Preschool Development Grant (Planning & Renewal)

Program Profiles

- Children's Initiatives Fund
- Early Childhood Block Grant
- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

Our Progress



Children's Initiatives Fund

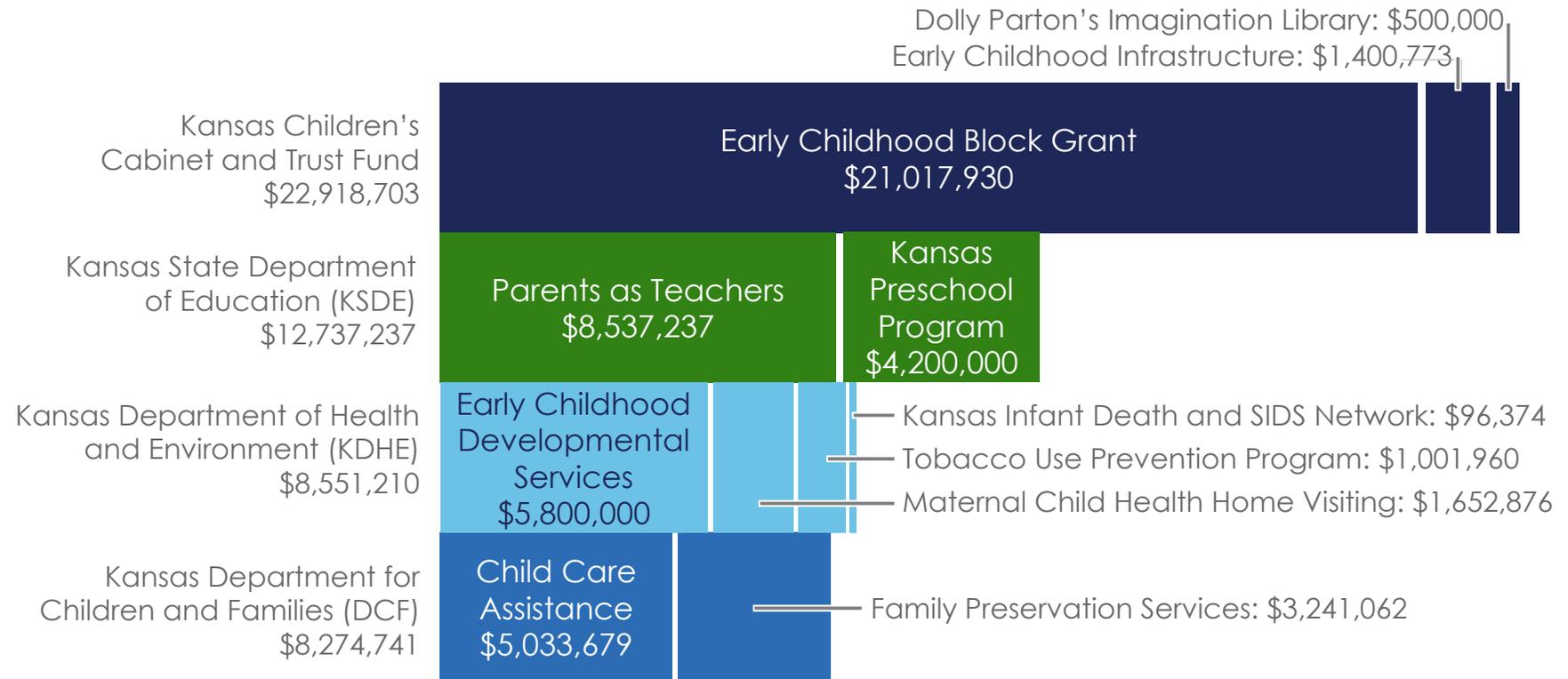
- Created in 1999 to focus investment of Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds
- Funded 10 programs in 2023 in the areas of early care and education, early intervention, maltreatment prevention, and tobacco use prevention
- Profiles include program descriptions, populations served, and impact data

Our Progress



CIF Funding by Agency and Program

TOTAL FUNDING: \$52,865,891*



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

CIF Accountability Process

- Details of 2023 process and program evaluation practices
- Key takeaways:
 - Preponderance of evidence indicates these programs are both needed and effective
 - Many families struggle meeting basic needs, including food security, affordable housing, and health services
 - Finding and retaining staff is a persistent challenge across programs
 - Many programs highlighted the need for additional mental and behavioral health support for children, families, and program staff

Our Progress



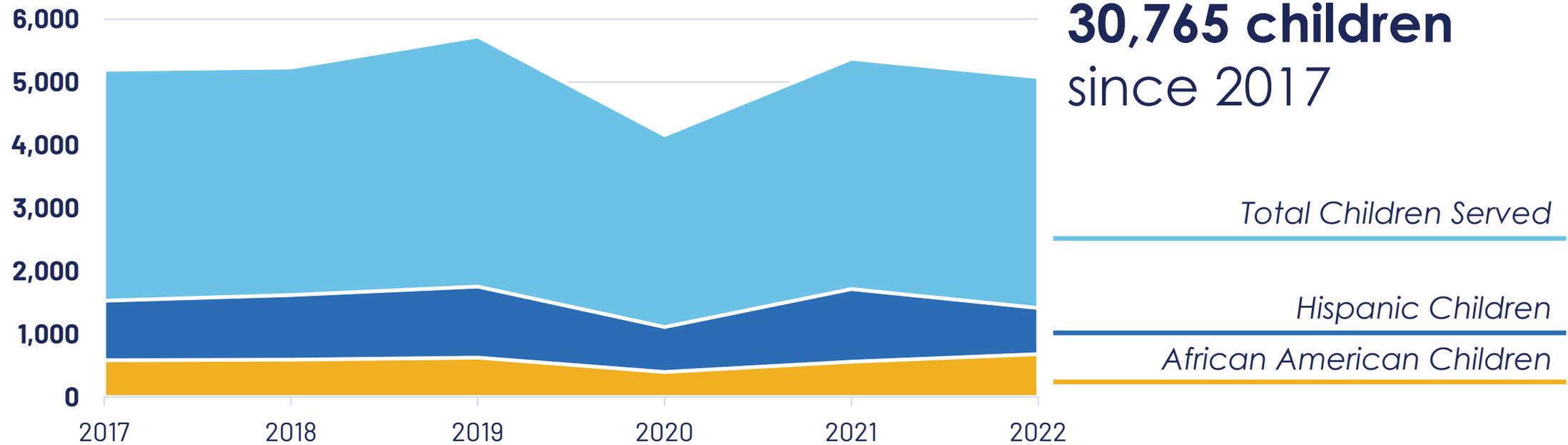
Early Childhood Block Grant

- Largest CIF investment
- Directly administered by the Children's Cabinet
- Services to at-risk children birth-5 and their families
- Section includes information on service areas and types, individual grantees, evaluation and common measures

Our Progress



ECBG Changes Over Time



Our Progress



Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

- Federally-funded program focused on preventing child maltreatment
- Kansas Children's Cabinet serves as state lead agency
- Funded \$2 million in 2023
- 12 grantees offering an array of services including parent education, home visiting, case management, preventative legal services, and resource centers

Our Progress



CBCAP Evaluation

Protective Factors Survey, 2nd Edition (PFS-2)

- Validated survey designed for CBCAP evaluation
- Peer-reviewed tool measuring multiple protective factors against child maltreatment
- Voluntary survey completed by caregivers about their own experiences

Ripple Effects Mapping

- Participatory evaluation approach that engages providers, participants, and community partners in shared data collection and analysis

Our Progress



CBCAP Evaluation: Protective Factors Survey

- 55% growth in family functioning and resilience
- 43% growth in nurturing and attachment
- 56% growth in social supports
- 41% growth in caregiver practitioner relationship

Our Progress



CBCAP Evaluation: Ripple Effects Mapping

CBCAP programs facilitate a continuum of care through:

- Community spaces for children and caregivers
- Case management and service navigation
- Support accessing food, housing, utilities, childcare, education
- Parent education to cope with challenges and build resilience
- Building and strengthening communities of support
- Legal support that prevents crisis and ensures family stability

Our Progress



Addressing Child Care

- Child Care Capacity Accelerator Grants
- Child Care Innovation Communities
- Capital Projects Fund Accelerator
- Elevating the Workforce
 - Career Pathway
 - Workforce Registry

Our Progress



Addressing Child Care

- Evaluation of child care grants:
 - Grantees report monthly progress on facilities, slots, and children served
 - Quarterly reports on workforce recruitment and retention, capacity to serve infants, and project-specific goals and barriers
 - Evaluation results will be presented in next year's annual report

Looking Forward

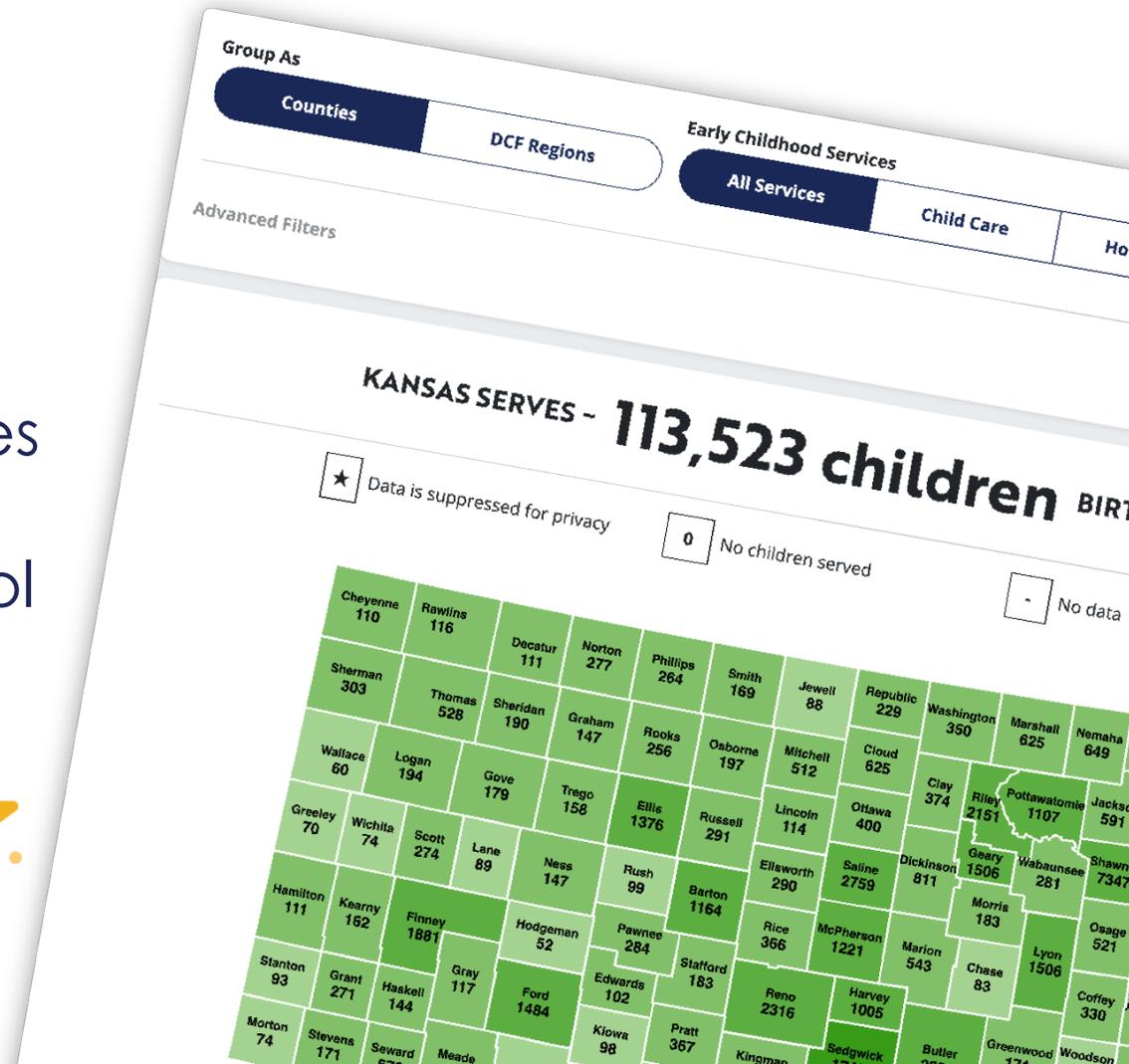


Kansas Early Childhood Data Trust

Distinct Count of Children in Early Care and Education Services

- Accurate and reliable count of children being served in ECCE programs
- Distinct Count Dashboard combines multiple sources of data into a publicly available & easy to use tool

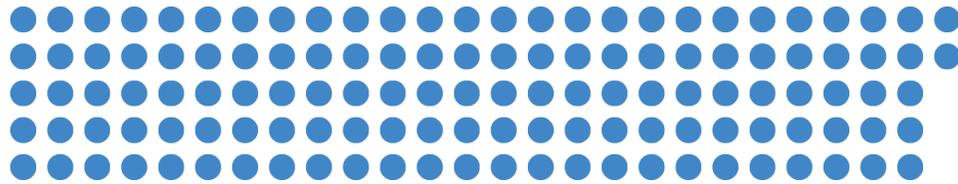
Data for Impact



What systems serve Kansas children?

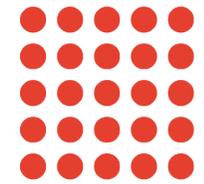
Child Care

63,552 Children



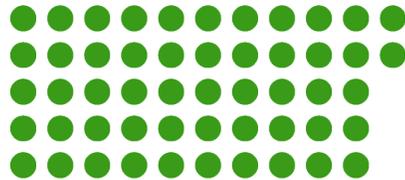
Home Visiting

12,324 Children



Pre-K

26,053 Children



Part C

11,596 Children



Data for Impact



Our Tomorrows

- Captures family experiences to learn how to better support families across Kansas
- Results:
 - Trust is the key factor in seeking services
 - Respondents highlighted the importance of community and connection in overcoming difficult experiences

Data for Impact



Our Tomorrows

Implications:

- Families' voices and experiences should be central to identifying and providing needed services, including family-professional partnerships.
- Kansas community life is a strength and source of support for young families that can be built upon. Communities should be given the resources to build on their existing social networks to provide multifaceted and flexible support for families.
- Future research should examine how community-driven approaches to family support affect child and family outcomes.

Data for Impact



Young Families Experience of Social Connection

Designed to capture experiences, attitudes, and behaviors of Kansas parents of young children related to social connectedness and support.

Results

- 40% had someone they could trust to ask for advice about parenting
- 54% indicated they had no or not much opportunity to shape the direction of their communities on the issues that affect them
- Majorities agreed children were safe and learning in child care
- 44% indicated they can find someone they trust to look after their kids on short notice
- 40% reported employers demonstrated high levels of support for caregiving responsibilities

Data for Impact



Young Families Experiences of Social Connection: Implications

Many families could benefit from flexible responsive support for caregiving

- access to trustworthy advice
- options for accessing childcare when unanticipated situations arise

It is difficult for families with young children to civically engage and make their needs and desires for their communities known

- anticipate their needs for child friendly hours and spaces

Employers are critical contributors to child well-being through support for their parents. Multiple opportunities to provide support:

- paid leave to care for a sick child
- flexible and remote work options
- infants at work policies

Data for Impact



Overview

- Features some of the ways the Kansas Children's Cabinet supports efforts to embed a forward-looking mindset in all our work:
 - Kansas Future Fellows
 - Early Childhood and Climate Change
 - Kansas Early Childhood Transition Task Force
- Recommendations Summary

Our Children's Future



Kansas Future Fellows

- Gathers a statewide network of civic entrepreneurs to discuss issues impacting our children's future through three labs and additional convenings
- Fellows are equipped with proven strategic foresight and innovation methods
- Focus on creative solutions for today while anticipating and activating on desired futures

Our Children's Future



Early Years Climate Action Plan

- Focus on what a healthy, resilient future looks like
- Child-centered approach to policy decisions to ensure our children thrive
- Recognize that we are operating in the context of more frequent, extreme weather events
- Link to report: Flourishing Children, Healthy Communities, and a Stronger Nation (www.earlyyearsclimateplan.us)

Our Children's Future



Early Childhood Transition Task Force

E.O. No. 23-01 established the **Early Childhood Transition Task Force**. The Task Force is charged with reviewing Kansas' early childhood programs and developing a roadmap for the creation of a new state, cabinet-level agency focused solely on supporting the success of our youngest Kansans.

Vision: All Kansas children – especially those between zero and five years of age – deserve healthy childhoods that are supported by a robust early childhood system which improves outcomes and effectively provides high-quality early care and education, adapts to the needs of families and communities, and is equitably accessible to all communities across the state.

Our Children's Future



All information available:
<https://governor.kansas.gov/newsroom/kansas-early-childhood-transition-task-force/>

Task Force Final Report

- Final report delivered December 11
- Kansas context and summary of Task Force meetings
- Recommendations in three categories
 - Programmatic movements
 - Transition logistics
 - Metrics and data

Our Children's Future



Draft Task Force Recommendations

- Key recommendation:
 - Kansas should streamline its early childhood governance structure by consolidating early childhood care and education services into a single state entity – reforming our coordinated system into a consolidation or creation model.
- Recommendation related to the role of the Children’s Cabinet:
 - The Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, their programming, and operations should be embedded in the new entity.

Our Children’s Future



Children's Cabinet Recommendations

June 3, 2023 Recommendation

- Several programs received increased funding for fiscal year 2023 or will be receiving an increase for fiscal year 2024. Maintaining funding levels for fiscal year 2025 will allow the impacts of increased funding for those programs to be examined and maintain a balance in the KEY fund to cover expenditures above the revenue generated from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Our Children's Future



Annual Report

- Questions
- Discussion
- Additional Recommendations?

Discussion



Early Childhood Care and Education Governance

The Kansas Children's Cabinet recommends the Governor and the Kansas Legislature work together to identify the appropriate method for unification of early childhood programs and services and create an implementation plan that recognizes the role of the Children's Cabinet, in alignment with the Early Childhood Transition Task Force Recommendations.

We support exploring options to:

- fully realize the Cabinet's statutory role as outlined in K.S.A. 38-1901;
- retain the Children's Cabinet governing board oversight of the Children's Initiatives Fund as outlined in K.S.A. 38-2103;
- retain the role of the Children's Cabinet governing board as grant maker for any existing or new grant programs that may be developed and administered by the unified entity;
- retain the role of the Children's Cabinet as the state's Early Childhood Advisory Council in accordance with the federal Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Kansas Executive Order 20-02);
- establish methods of collaboration and coordination between the Children's Cabinet board and the unified entity's administrative leadership.

Recommendation



Enhance State Investment in Early Childhood

In its role as strategist, the Kansas Children's Cabinet recommends enhanced state investment in the early childhood care and education system to better meet the needs of young children and their families, reduce CIF transfers to other agencies, and maximize Master Settlement Agreement dollars towards Children's Cabinet priorities as outlined in the Blueprint for Early Childhood and the *All In For Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan.

Recommendation



2022 Annual Report Recommendations

Basic Needs Recommendation *(2023 motion adopted)*

Increase access to work and family support programs that help children and families meet their basic needs. Research clearly shows that children thrive when their basic needs are met and that parents and caregivers are better able to support children when their own basic needs are met. The Kansas Children's Cabinet believes current restrictions to childcare assistance, cash assistance, nutrition assistance, and health insurance programs undercut the investments made through the CIF and blunt the efficiency and effectiveness of early childhood care and education programs. The comprehensive Statewide 2019 Needs Assessment and 2020 and 2021 Needs Assessment Update document these concerns.

Childcare Subsidy Recommendation *(2023 motion adopted)*

Contribute State General Funds to fully draw down matching Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funds from the federal level.

Data-Driven Decision Making Recommendation *(2023 motion adopted)*

The Kansas Children's Cabinet, representing the best interests of children, recommends that the best available data and evidence-based research drive decisions about regulations safeguarding the health and well-being of children.

Recommendations



Additional Recommendations

- Motion
 - Second
 - Vote
- John Wilson
 - Dr. Tyler Smith
 - Monica Murnan
 - Deliece Hofen
 - DiAnne Owen Graham
 - LeEtta Felter
 - Sen. Renee Erickson
 - Cabinet Chair, Don Hineman

Children's Cabinet





Master Tobacco Settlement

JORDAN BREWER, ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL,
TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT UNIT



Tobacco Vaping Settlement Funds Recommendation

- The Kansas Children's Cabinet recommends the Kansas Legislature direct current and future tobacco vaping settlement funds towards the Children's Initiative Fund.

Recommendations



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Early Childhood Transition Task Force Report

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Director's Update

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Early Childhood Recommendations Panel Substitution

MELISSA ROOKER



PANEL MEMBER SUBSTITUTION

- Kansas Department for Health and Environment Agency Representation Substitution Request:
 - Amy Dean Campmire to replace Tricia Waggoner (*through 6/20/24*)

Resignation Note - **Dominique Lewis**, Office of Equity and Diversity Education Team, Children's Mercy

- Panel Membership Category: Other Representatives
- Position change and relocation, no longer working with Kansas children

**Recommendations
Panel**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting: February 2 (Virtual)

2024 Meeting Schedule

- February 2
- April 5
- June 7
- August 2
- October 4
- December 6

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