



# Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025





Welcome &  
Approval of Minutes





# CIF Accountability Report

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# TIMELINE

The Accountability Process takes place at the June Children's Cabinet meeting to align with the legislative budget process.

- This means service provision findings are reported on the previous state fiscal year.
- Current fiscal year findings are updated and included as part of the Children's Cabinet Annual Report released in December.
- CIF Budget recommendations will be for the 2027 state fiscal year.

# DATA COLLECTION

- FY 2024 program reports collected from all CIF funded programs
- FY 2024 CIF **actual** expenditures retrieved from the Governor's Budget Report Fiscal Year 2026 v.1
- CIF Accountability Process Survey
- Program interviews

**Accountability  
Process Overview**



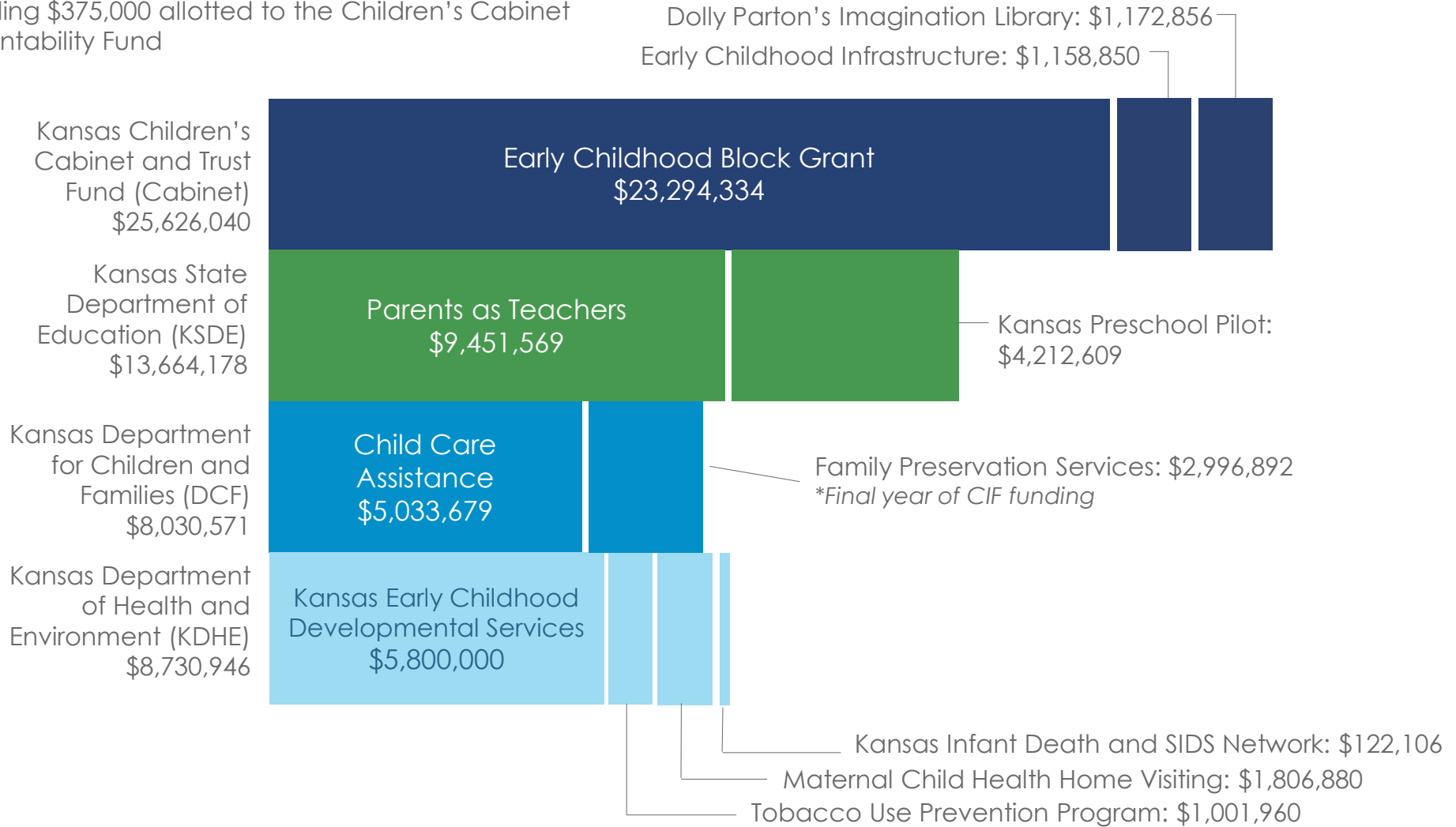


# The Children's Initiatives Fund

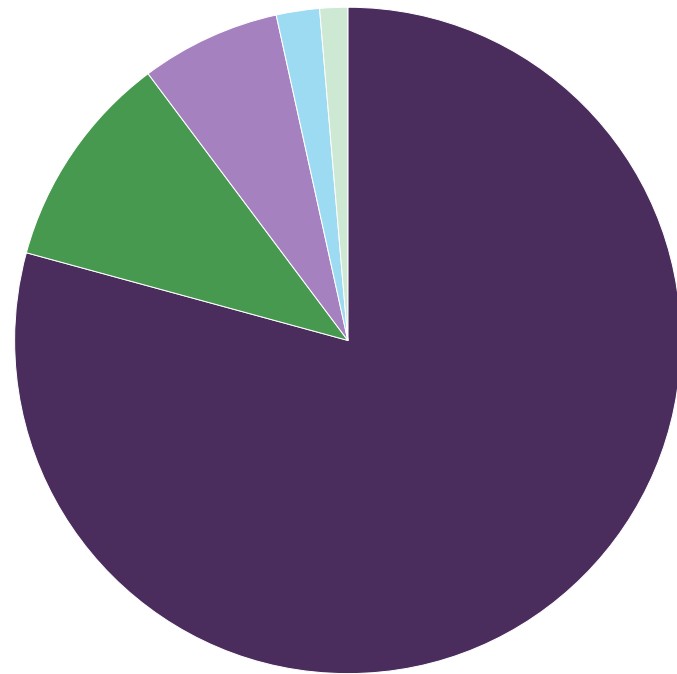
# FY24 Funding by Agency and Program

TOTAL FUNDING: \$56,426,735<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Including \$375,000 allotted to the Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund



# FY24 Funding by Primary Population



- \$46,927,098 Prenatal to Age 5**
  - Early Childhood Block Grant
  - Maternal Child Health Home Visiting
  - Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services
  - Parents as Teachers
  - Kansas Preschool Pilot
  - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
  - Early Childhood Infrastructure
- \$5,033,679 Prenatal to Age 12**
  - Child Care Assistance
- \$2,996,892 Prenatal to Age 18**
  - Family Preservation Services
- \$122,106 Providers**
  - KIDS Network
- \$1,001,960 General Population**
  - Tobacco Use Prevention Program

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS  
\$56,426,735  
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# CIF Funded Programs



# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE OVERVIEW

## Description

The Child Care Assistance (CCA) program supports families who are initially living at or below 85% of the state median income. CCA provides families with financial support for child care while parents work, attend school, complete a GED, or fill a temporary emergency need. CCA promotes school readiness and financial stability for families by increasing access to high-quality child care environments. The program typically serves families with children under age 13, but some exceptions allow funding for children up to age 18.

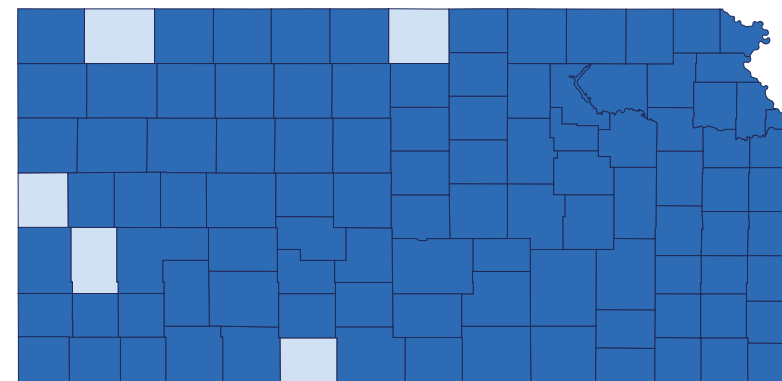
Program link: <https://childcareinkansas.com/>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$5,033,679

Total Funding – All Funds: \$84,751,747

FY 2025: \$5,033,679 & FY2026 \$5,033,679

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	19,410
Prenatal to Age 3	9,579
Ages 3-5	4,177
Ages 5-12	5,561
Ages 12-18	93
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	0
Professional Development	0



# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE IMPACT

## Program Impact

- Child Care Assistance is related to higher wages and longer employment retention.
- 71% of families receiving Child Care Assistance, while employed, saw an earnings increase or remain the same in their next review.
- Families continue to report being able to receive care they would not be able to without access to subsidies.

## What's New

- Adjusted benefit rates based on a 2024 market rate survey and cost analysis.
- Policy change allowing for differential rates for providers caring for children in foster care.
- A family needs and preference study was conducted to understand why eligible families might not apply for the program.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT OVERVIEW

## Description

Focusing on the critical years from birth through age 4 (up to kindergarten entry), ECBG recipients provide services to children ages 0 through 4 and their families. Services include Child Care, PreK, Classroom Infrastructure for Child Care & PreK), Mental & Behavioral Health Services for Children, Home Visiting, Case Management, and Parent Education. ECBG grantees are required to participate in the Common Measures Initiative, which uses shared measurement tools to collect data that provide a better understanding of statewide risk and ECBG outcomes. Public-private partnerships are encouraged to maximize resources, foster innovation, and avoid duplication of services.

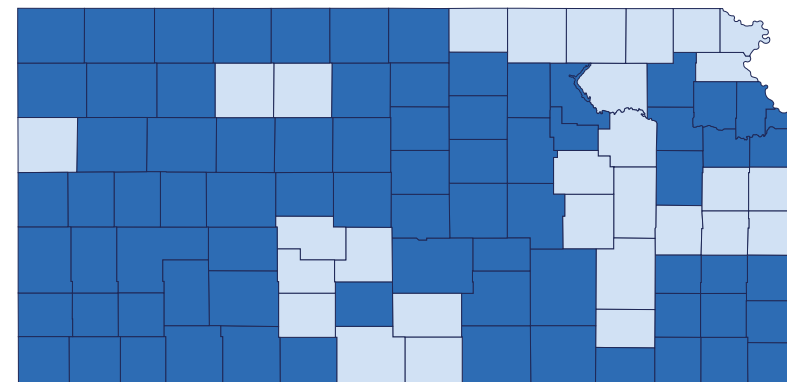
Program link: <https://earlychildhood.caretools.org/>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$23,294,334

Total Funding – All Funds: \$23,294,334

FY 2025: \$23,720,493 & FY 2026: \$23,720,493

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	8,067
Prenatal to Age 3	3,274
Ages 3-5	4,793
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	6,971
Professional Development	1,937



# EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 78% of classrooms observed to be high quality, a 10% increase from the start of the school year.
- 87% of children were on track in early life skills, a 9% increase from the start of the school year.
- Parent education helped increase positive parenting to 77%, a 17% increase from the start of the program.

## What's New

- Continue working with grantees and other state agencies to avoid duplication of services.
- Increasing need for supports for children: 34% of programs reported child behaviors as a barrier to providing services effectively.
- FY 2025 ECBG report to be released and presented at the next Children's Cabinet meeting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

# FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES OVERVIEW

## Description

Family Preservation provides voluntary services alongside families to build on family strengths and reduce the risk of children being placed in foster care. Family Preservation has two tiers of service options based on the intensity and duration of services provided. Tier 1, Intensive In-Home Family Preservation Services are provided to mitigate immediate child safety concerns, stabilize family crises, and assess the family's needs. Tier 2, Short-Term Family Preservation Case Management Services are provided by a worker dyad consisting of an assigned Case Manager and a Family Support Worker assessing for existing risk and emergent safety issues and when identified, initiating services to stabilize and support the family.

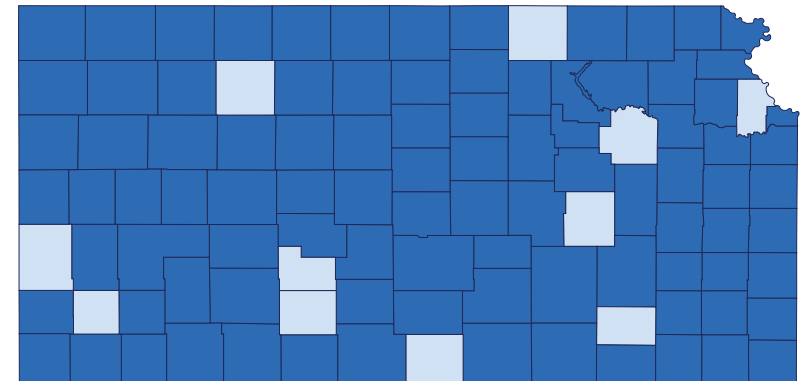
Program link: <https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/ServicestoPreserveFamilies.aspx>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$3,241,062

Total Funding – All Funds: \$11,999,997

FY 2025 & FY2026: No longer CIF Funded

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	3,055
Prenatal to Age 3	598
Ages 3-5	376
Ages 5-12	1,444
Ages 12-18	1,182
Ages 18+	5
Caregivers	2,289
Professional Development	45



# FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES IMPACT

## Program Impact

- Families reported that Family Preservation supports led to increased family stability.
- 95% (Tier 1) and 87% (Tier 2) of children served maintained safely at home and not referred to foster care.
- 96% (Tier 1) and 89% (Tier 2) of families served with children safely maintained in home.
- 98% (Tier 1) and 97% (Tier 2) of families did not experience substantiated abuse or neglect during services.

## What's New

- New RFP led to scope of work additions, including engagement prior to referral, case management for all families, and services in more than one household.
- Discontinuation of the tier-based system of services

# IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF KANSAS

## Description

The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund is supporting expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library statewide. The Imagination Library is open to any child from birth to their 5th birthday, and participating children and families receive free, age-appropriate books mailed to their home every month. Local affiliates across the state support the library through outreach, enrollment support, and supporting the cost of mailing books to participating children. The Children's Cabinet supports local affiliates by covering half of their mailing costs.

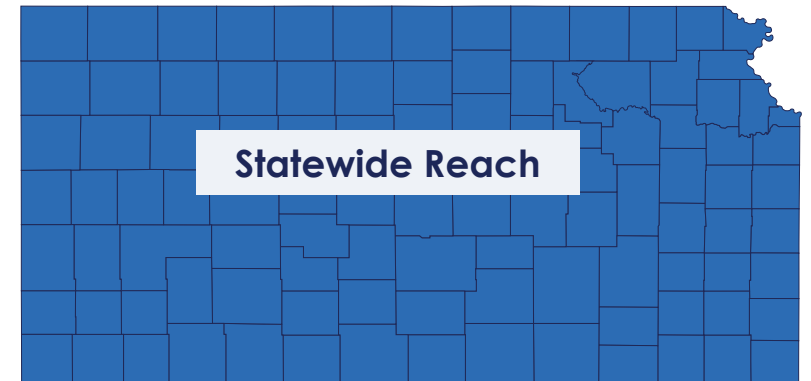
Program link: <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/imaginationlibrary/>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$1,172,856

Total Funding – All Funds: \$1,172,856

FY 2025: \$1,500,000 & FY 2026: \$1,500,000

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	76,955
Prenatal to Age 3	41,556
Ages 3-5	35,399
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	0
Professional Development	0



# IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF KANSAS

## Program Impact

- 23,427 children were newly enrolled during FY2024 & 17,085 graduates
- Statewide, 43% of age-eligible children participated in the Imagination Library of Kansas.
- 653,632 books were distributed directly to children during FY2024.

## What's New

- On August 14, 2024, the first anniversary of the Imagination Library of Kansas Day, the Kansas Children's Cabinet announced the formation of the Imagination Library of Kansas 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Executed GEHA awareness campaign targeting military families at Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley through outdoor billboards and engagement activities. Developed Sponsorship Impact Report for GEHA.

# KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OVERVIEW

## Description

As part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C, Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services provides early intervention services for children (from birth to age 3) who have a disability or a developmental delay, and their families by funding local Infant Toddler Services of Kansas Programs. Services are delivered to families in their natural environments, and providers work alongside community partners to ensure families have the resources they need to support their child's development.

Program link: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/677/Kansas-Early-Childhood-Developmental-Ser>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$5,800,000

Total Funding – All Funds: \$34,878,482

FY 2025: \$5,800,000 & FY 2026: \$5,800,000

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	11,610
Prenatal to Age 3	11,610
Ages 3-5	0
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	11,610+
Professional Development	400+



# KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 99.6% of children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) demonstrated improved positive life skills or had skills comparable to same-aged peers.
- 94.5% of families participating in Part C report that early intervention services have helped the family help their children develop and learn.
- 99.7% of children with an IFSP demonstrated improved use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs or had skills comparable to same-aged peers.

## What's New

- A new joint partnership with the School for the Deaf and their Sound Start program.
- Working on an initiative to track children across the Part C to Part B transition and beyond, and working with KSDE to analyze data and understand the long-term outcomes for children served by the program.

# KANSAS PRESCHOOL PILOT OVERVIEW

## Description

The Kansas Preschool Pilot (KPP) funds school districts and community partners to support high quality preschool programming for children ages 3-5. The program implements evidence-based curricula, instruction, and assessment practices shown to prevent later academic and behavioral challenges. KPP builds community collaboration, fosters family engagement, and provides high-quality early learning experiences to support children to thrive. Each of these elements are known to improve quality in early learning and promote success in school.

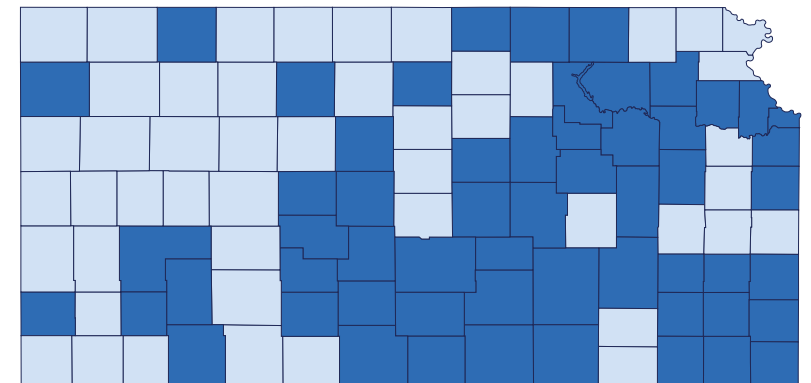
Program link: <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Early-Childhood/Preschool-Programming>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$4,212,609

Total Funding – All Funds: \$8,389,250

FY 2025: \$4,200,000 & FY 2026: \$4,200,000

	FY24 Population Served
Total Children	4,115
Prenatal to Age 3	0
Ages 3-5	4,115
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	0
Professional Development	774



# KANSAS PRESCHOOL PILOT IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 96% of preschoolers showed improvements in literacy from the beginning of the program year to the end.
- 97% of preschoolers showed improvements in mathematics from the beginning of the program year to the end.
- 95% of preschoolers showed improvement in life skills education from the beginning of the program year to the end.

## What's New

- Longitudinal data tracking to tie students to a unique ID, allowing for long-term tracking of outcomes such as graduation rates, assessments, and chronic absenteeism.
- KSDE reports that 42% of grantees reported being able to coordinate with community partners to share services.

# KIDS NETWORK OVERVIEW

## Description

The Kansas Infant Death and SIDS (KIDS) Network serves individuals touched by the tragedy of infant loss, miscarriage, stillbirth or SIDS and connects those working to reduce the risk of infant deaths. The program provides grief support services to parents, family and friends, and offers community education, professional training, and associated research. Events, such as the KIDS Network Safe Sleep Instructor Certification, Safe Sleep Community Baby Showers, and Crib Clinics, promote a statewide infrastructure to educate current and expectant parents, relatives, community members, and health and child care providers on safe sleep practices to eradicate preventable infant deaths.

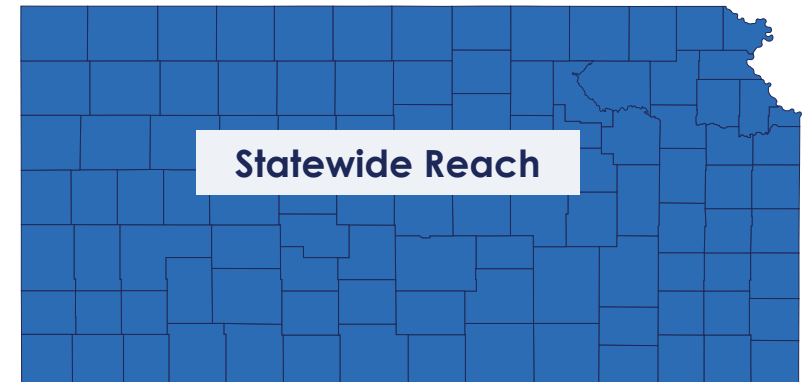
Program link: <https://www.kidsks.org/>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$122,106

Total Funding – All Funds: \$462,800

FY 2025: \$122,106 & FY 2026: \$122,106

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	12,919
Prenatal to Age 3	12,808
Ages 3-5	35
Ages 5-12	50
Ages 12-18	26
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	15,986
Professional Development	5,704



# KIDS NETWORK IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 285 Safe Sleep events were held across 40 Kansas counties.
- Safe Sleep Community Baby Shower participants showed significant increases in committing to both safe sleep and tobacco cessation.
- 8 hospitals gained Safe Sleep Hospital Certification through the KIDS certification process.
- 7 Safe Sleep Clinics (obstetrics, pediatrics, and family medicine) achieved a Safe Sleep Star and were certified by the KIDS Network.

## What's New

- Kids Network has expanded their safe sleep instructor program to other states, including Florida and Alaska.
- Kids Network has been working with AMCHP to move from promising practice to best practice, and have submitted an application for this recognition.

# MCH HOME VISITING OVERVIEW

## Description

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Universal Home Visiting is a strengths-based model connecting all Kansas caregivers who are pregnant, postpartum, or raising an infant, with the resources they desire to create a safe, stable, and nurturing home environment. Visits are tailored to the family, with the frequency and duration of visits being flexible, based on input from the family and availability of other programs in the community. Home visitors act as a bridge for families as their needs change from the prenatal period, to labor and delivery, to postpartum care and education, to early childhood health and education. MCH Home Visitors connect families to the community-based resources, services, and supports they desire.

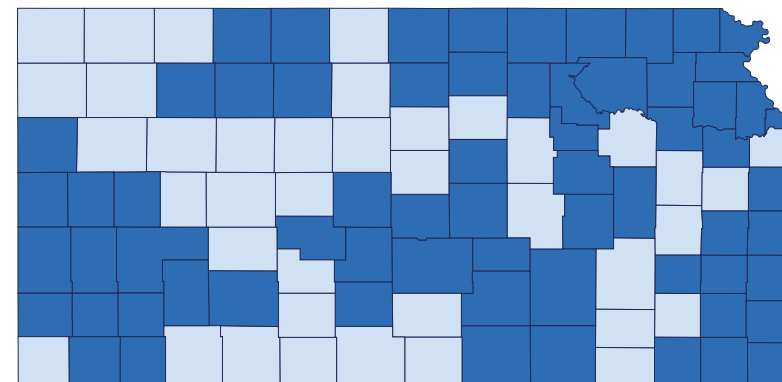
Program link: <https://kshomevisiting.org/>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$1,806,880

Total Funding – All Funds: \$1,806,880

FY 2025: \$1,652,876 & FY 2026: \$1,652,876

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	4,460
Prenatal to Age 3	4,460
Ages 3-5	0
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	5,464
Professional Development	550



# MCH HOME VISITING IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 8,344 home visits were completed in FY24, a 105% increase from FY22 (the year prior to expansion) and a 42% increase from FY23.
- Programs reported reductions in the likelihood of child maltreatment and increases in positive parenting and child interactions.
- 63% of women initiated prenatal care in the first trimester.

## What's New

- Inclusion of family interviews conducted to gauge experiences with the program. This information has been used in policy briefs and promotional materials.
- Working with outside evaluators to review the existing MCH program by evaluating current outcomes and capacity to ensure efficient use of funds, reach as many Kansans as possible, and provide value to families.

# PARENTS AS TEACHERS OVERVIEW

## Description

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an evidence-based parent education and family engagement home visiting model designed to give parents and caregivers the tools they need to support their child's development. In coordination with the Kansas State Department of Education and local school districts, certified parent educators work with families to foster healthy development and promote positive parent-child interactions. Developmental and health screenings are used to identify potential delays or areas of concern, implement interventions, and refer families to additional community resources when needed.

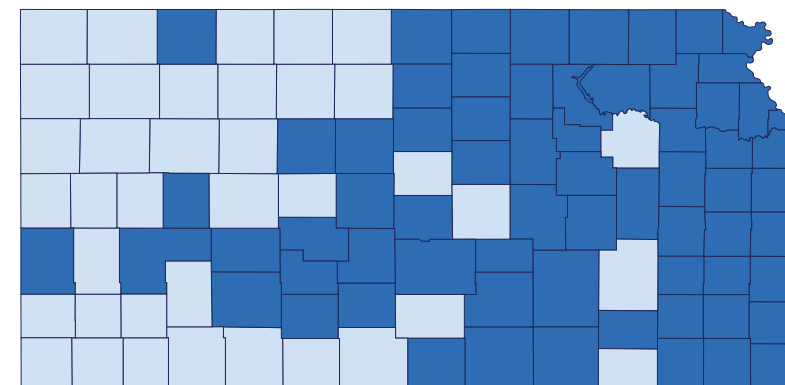
Program link: <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Early-Childhood/Kansas-Parents-as-Teachers>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$9,451,569

Total Funding – All Funds: \$15,264,547

FY 2025: \$9,437,635 & FY 2026: \$9,437,635

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	7,912
Prenatal to Age 3	6,804
Ages 3-5	1,108
Ages 5-12	0
Ages 12-18	0
Ages 18+	0
Caregivers	5,847
Professional Development	62



# PARENTS AS TEACHERS IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 54,572 personal visits were completed.
- Programs showed an 89% retention rate of local families.
- 92% of the families enrolled in PAT were linked to at least one community resource during the program year.
- 2,352 potential developmental delays/concerns were identified through developmental screenings.

## What's New

- New year will see slight changes to the program model based on the completion of the 5-year national review with a focus on ensuring model fidelity.
- Contingency plans for potential issues such as natural disasters or staffing changes to ensure continuous service delivery despite unforeseen events.

# TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Description

Tobacco Use Prevention Program uses evidence-based strategies and community partnerships to educate the public and increase awareness about the negative health effects of tobacco use. The program aims to prevent children from becoming tobacco users, reduce tobacco-related deaths and exposure to second-hand smoke or e-cigarette aerosol, and promote policy change. To support the success of current tobacco users who are trying to quit, the program operates the Kansas Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW).

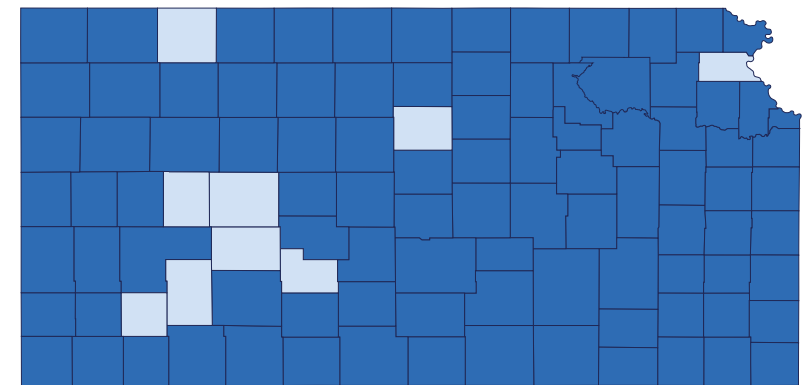
Program link: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/823/Tobacco-Use-Prevention-Program>

FY 2024 CIF Funding: \$1,001,960

Total Funding – All Funds: \$2,393,112

FY 2025: \$1,001,960 & FY 2026: \$1,001,960

FY24 Population Served	
Total Children	487,768
Prenatal to Age 3	106,833
Ages 3-5	112,987
Ages 5-12	233,334
Ages 12-18	238,094
Ages 18+	2,201,222
Caregivers	N/A
Professional Development	1,827



# TOBACCO USE PREVENTION PROGRAM IMPACT

## Program Impact

- 95% of children were born to smoke-free mothers.
- 50% of adult smokers tried to quit in the past year.
- 88% of Kansas adults report that smoking is never allowed in their home.
- 550 individuals have completed the Kansas Tobacco Cessation Help Training, a 2-hour accredited training for nurses, physicians, and pharmacists, in the past year.

## What's New

- The team has expanded to include a new youth coordinator focused on reinvigorating the youth component of the program, organizing a youth council, and engaging youth across the state.
- Contracting with the Learning Tree Institute to conduct an evaluation of the chronic disease risk reduction program to assess the program's effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

## Description

A line item within the CIF for Early Childhood Infrastructure to support the long-term vision of the All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan. Setting aside dedicated funds to support early childhood system infrastructure will help the Children's Cabinet fulfill its role as a Connector and its statutory responsibilities as the coordinating entity for the early childhood system in Kansas. This fund allows us to support infrastructure enhancements and efficiencies as part of the goals of the All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan. (Goals 1 & 2).

CIF Actual FY 2024 : \$1,158,850

FY 2025: \$1,408,512 & FY 2026 \$1,408,512

### Projects funded in FY24:

- 1-800-Children
- DAISEY
- Support for Cape (child care workforce registry)
- Early Childhood Data System – Authorized Projects
- One-time expenses for program support materials
- A portion of KCCTF Overhead and a portion of the KUCR CIF Contract



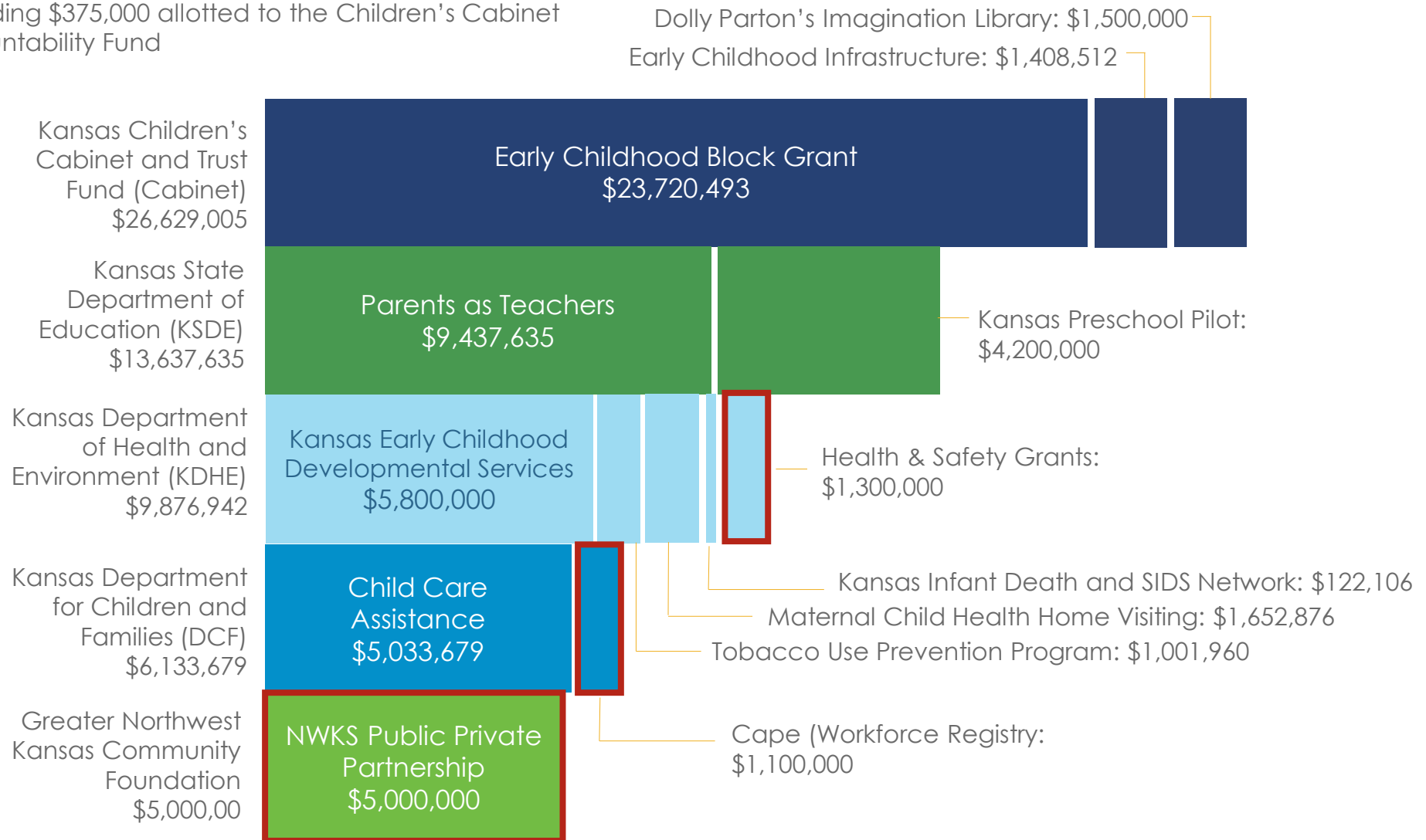
**New In Fiscal Year 2025**



# FY25 Funding by Agency and Program

TOTAL FUNDING: \$61,652,261<sup>†</sup>

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# CAPE (WORKFORCE REGISTRY)

## Description

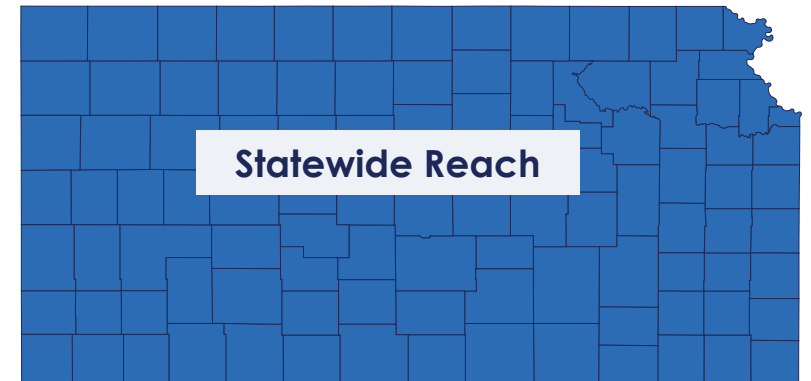
Cape is a statewide registry for the early childhood workforce, aimed at connecting professionals with employers, recording professional development, and providing resources and support. Cape is designed to empower individuals, facilities, and training organizations in the early childhood field. The systems integration of training resources, planning tools, and professional recognition aims to make navigating careers in early childhood and advancing the profession easier and more impactful.

Program link: <https://www.yourcape.org/about>

FY 2025 CIF Funding \$1,100,000

## Program Impacts to Date:

- Soft launched in January 2025
- Users in all 105 KS counties
- Over 6,500 profiles entered into the system
- 3,932 Educator/Direct Care Professionals
- 11,000 course offerings ordered



# HEALTH & SAFETY GRANTS

## Description

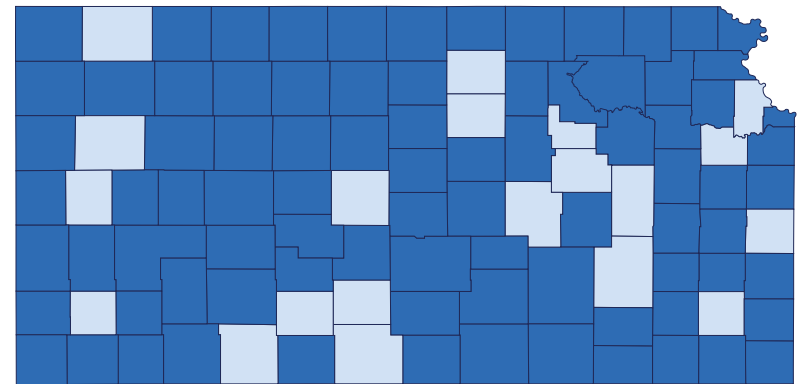
The KDHE Health & Safety Grants program aims to assist child care providers in achieving regulatory compliance by providing funding to alleviate cost burdens associated with regulatory barriers. This includes costs related to annual inspections, complaints, or self-identified issues. These grants play a pivotal role in ensuring child care facilities remain operational and children in care have healthy, safe environments to thrive.

Program link: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/2234/Health-Safety-Grants>

FY 2025 CIF Funding \$1,300,000

## Program Impacts to Date:

- 258 applications received, 211 approved
- \$1,286,447 in approved funding
- 173 Home Provider Grantees (82%)
- 38 Center Provider Grantees (18%)
- Most common requests: Fences, roofs, playground equipment, safe sleep, hot water tanks, HVAC, car seats



# NWKS PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

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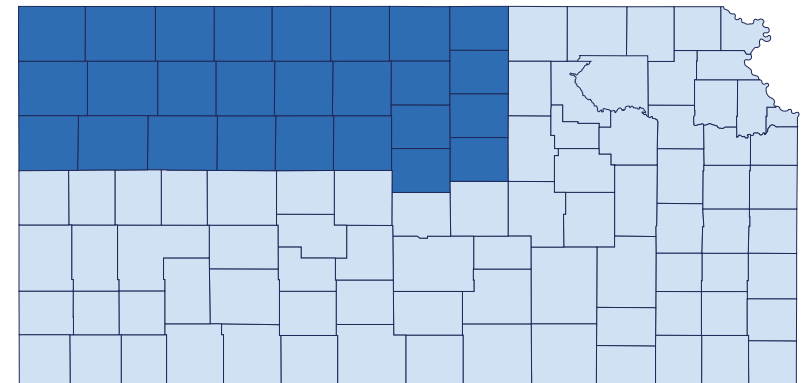
NWKS Public Private Partnership is an endowment established with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and is held, invested, and administered by the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation. The goal is that this endowment will sustain childcare facilities, allow for higher wages, and allow more Kansans to enter the workforce by having access to reliable childcare, with a particular focus on providing care for infants and toddlers in a 26-county area. Initial funding of \$5 million from the CIF and a continuing commitment of \$1 million per year for 5 years from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Patterson Family Foundation also contributed \$1 million.

Program link: <https://gnwkcf.org/grant/northwest-kansas-early-childhood-sustainability-grant-fund/>

FY 2025 CIF Funding: \$5,000,000

### Program Impacts to Date:

- \$11.1 million total committed funds
- \$355,000 spendable for upcoming grant cycle
- Grants are expected to kick off in August 2025





# Key Takeaways



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Programs funded by CIF provide critical services that support the healthy development of Kansas children and families at reduced or no cost to families.
- Economic uncertainty at the program and family level emerged as a key takeaway, but programs report resiliency as they pursue innovative ways to continue providing services.
- CIF funded programs continue to experience difficulties related to the workforce, which limits their reach.
- The need for additional mental and behavioral health resources for children, families, and staff continues to be a common request.

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Process**



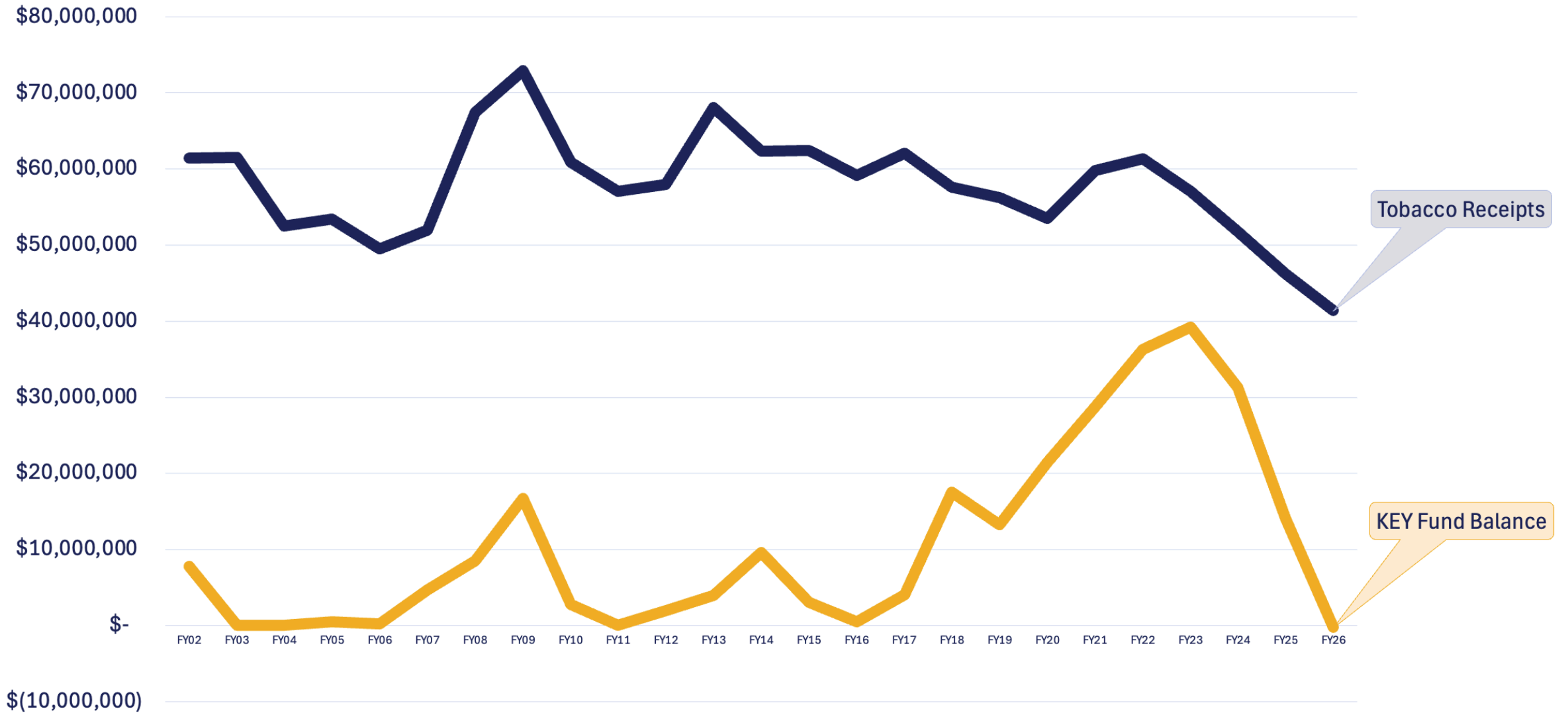


# CIF Recommendations and Children's Cabinet Discussion

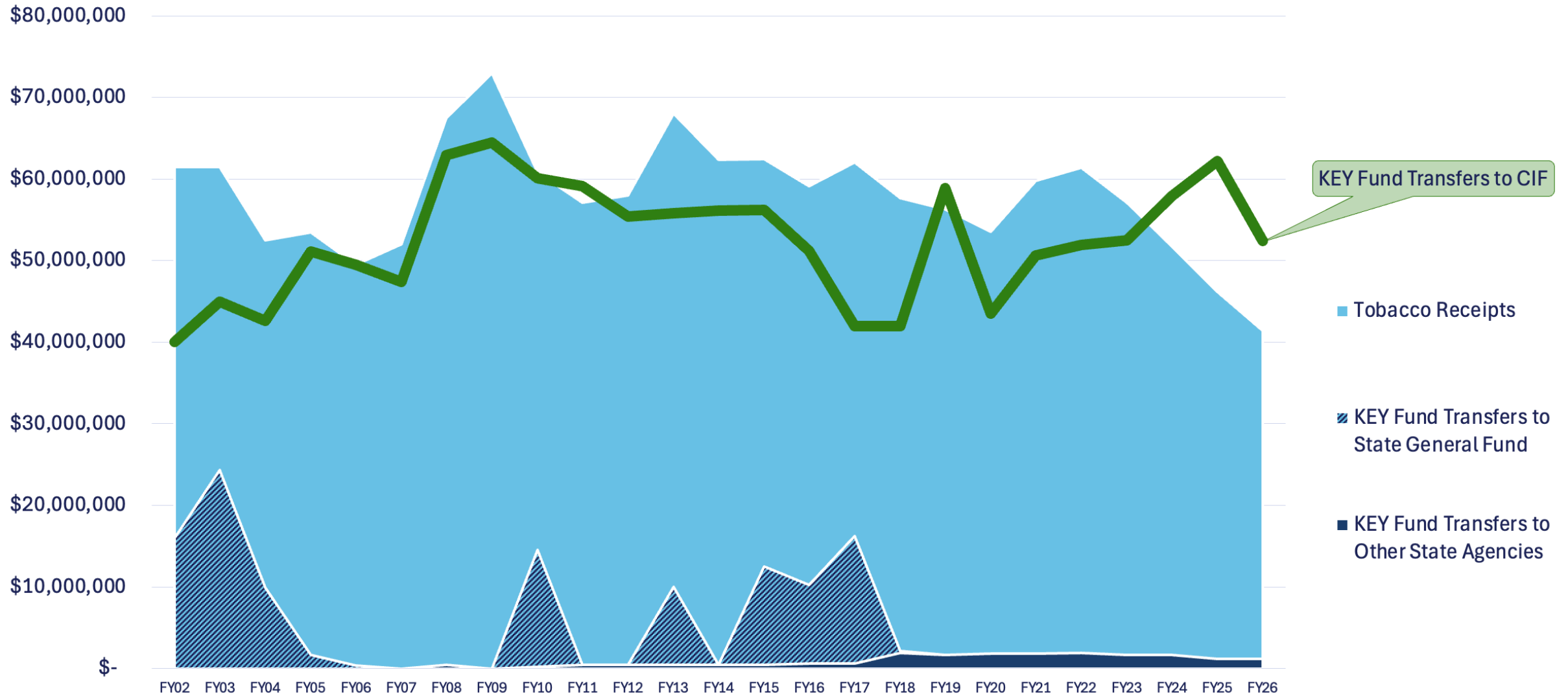
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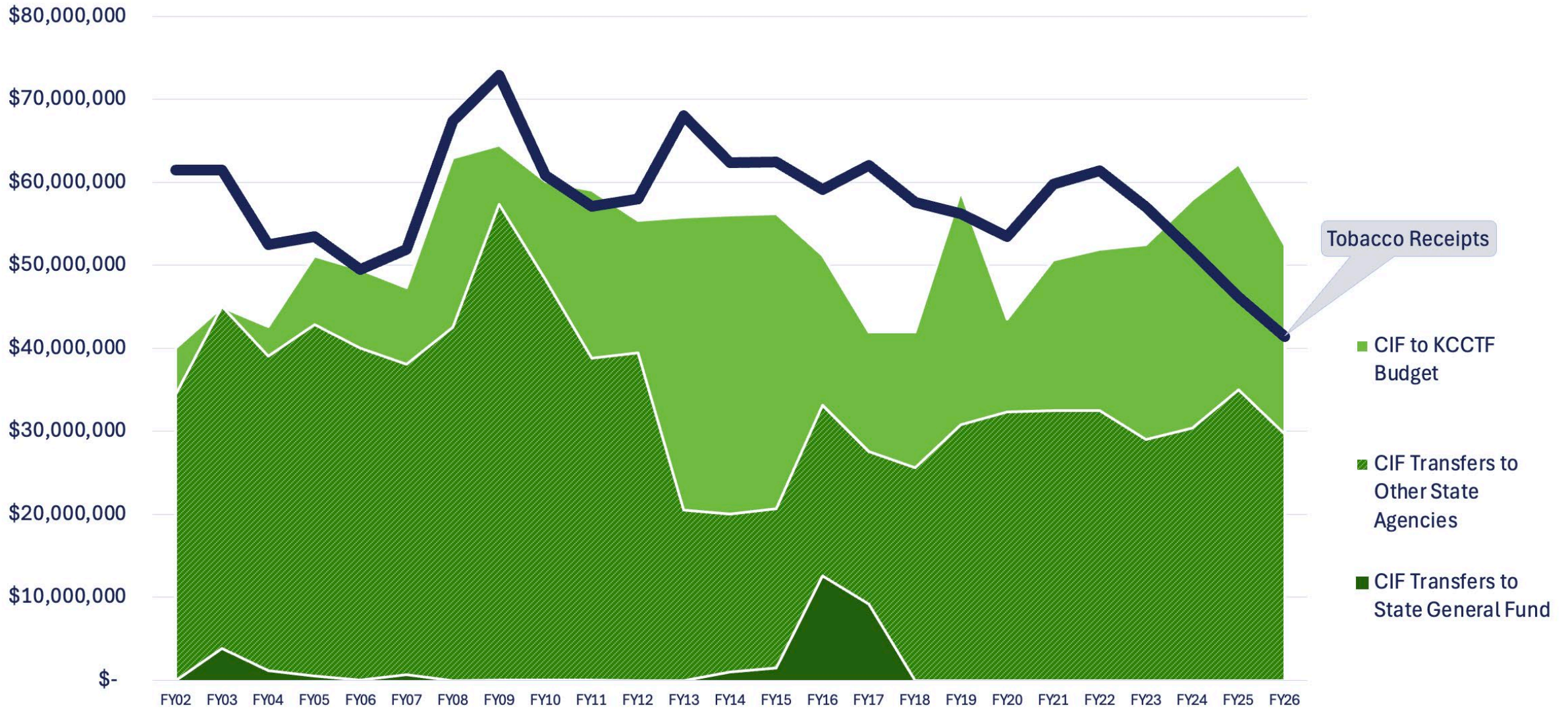
# KEY FUND BALANCE



# KEY FUND



# CIF



# CIF FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

**The Children's Cabinet Board recommends  
the following CIF funding levels for FY27**

**Recommendation**



# CIF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

CIF Program	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 Recommendation
*Child Care Services	\$5,033,679	\$5,033,679	\$5,033,679
**Workforce Registry	\$1,100,000	-	-
Healthy Start/Home Visitor	\$1,652,876	\$1,660,924	\$1,660,924
*Infants & Toddlers Program	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000	\$5,800,000
Smoking Prevention Grants	\$1,001,960	\$1,001,960	\$1,001,960
SIDS Network Grant	\$122,106	\$122,106	\$122,106
**Child Care Health and Safety Grants	\$1,300,000	-	-
Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000
CIF Grants (Early Childhood Block Grant)	\$23,720,493	\$23,720,493	\$23,720,493
Parent Education (PAT)	\$9,437,635	\$9,437,635	\$9,437,635
Pre-K Pilot Program	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
Early Childhood Infrastructure	\$1,408,512	\$1,419,193	\$0
Imagination Library (DPIL)	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
SWKS Child Care Accelerator Grant	-	\$250,000	-
Public-Private Partnership (one-time match)	\$5,000,000	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$61,652,261</b>	<b>\$54,520,993</b>	<b>\$52,851,797</b>

\* Denotes programs with a Maintenance of Effort requirement

\*\* are programs removed for FY26 because the legislature adopted Children's Cabinet board recommendations

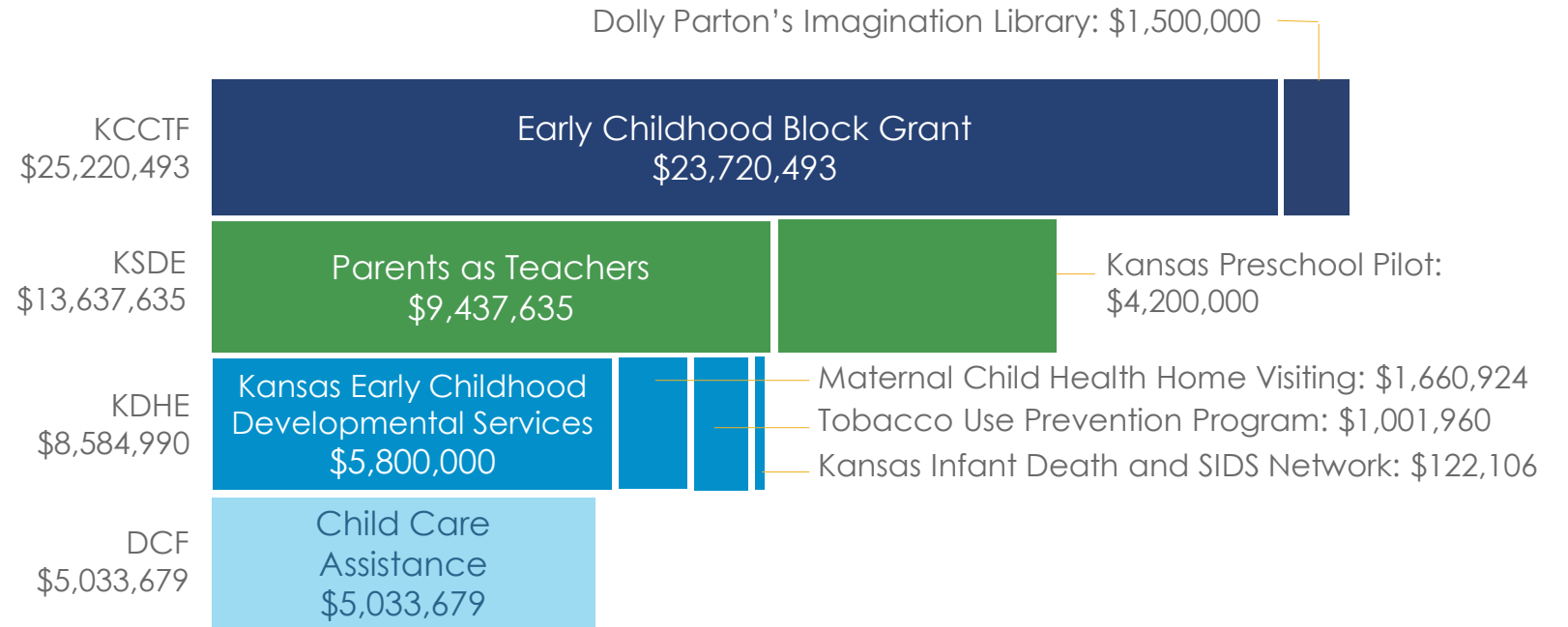
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# 2027 PROPOSED CIF BUDGET ITEMS

CIF Budget includes pass-through to other agencies, as outlined in the chart.

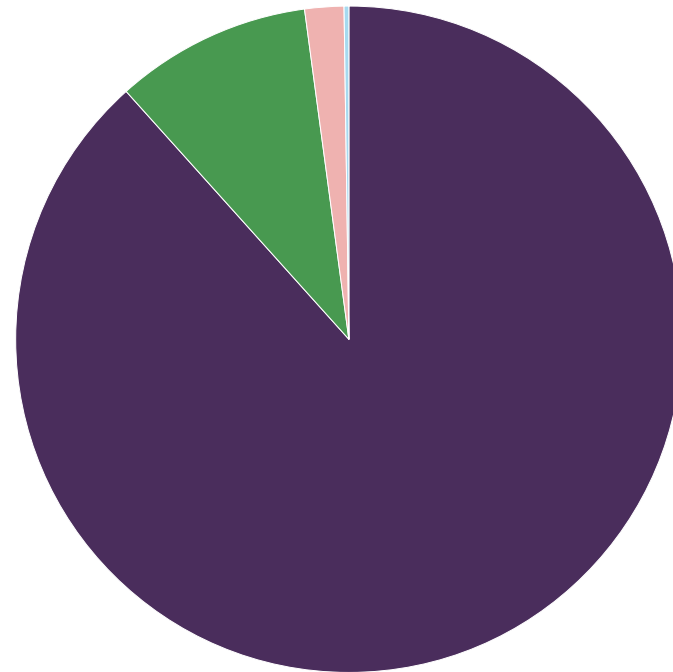
**TOTAL FUNDING FY27:**  
**\$52,851,797\***

*\*Including \$375,000 allotted to the Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund*



# 2027 PROPOSED CIF BUDGET ITEMS BY POPULATION

CIF Budget primarily funds services for Prenatal through age 18, with programs serving Prenatal to age 5 receiving the most funding support.



- \$46,694,052 Prenatal to Age 5**
  - Early Childhood Block Grant
  - Parents as Teachers
  - Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services
  - Kansas Preschool Pilot
  - Maternal Child Health Home Visiting
  - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Kansas
- \$5,033,679 Prenatal to Age 12**
  - Child Care Assistance
- \$1,001,960 General Population**
  - Tobacco Use Prevention Program
- \$122,106 Providers**
  - KIDS Network

\*Including \$375,000 allotted to the Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund

# CIF BUDGET APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION

- Motion
- Second
- Vote

- Dr. Tara Wallace
- Rep. Kristey Williams
- Sen. Dinah Sykes
- Monica Murnan
- Dr. LeEtta Felter
- Sen. Renee Erickson
- Cabinet Chair, Don Hineman

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# ROLE OF THE KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel is an **advisory group** to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund created by EO 20-02
- Panel Service Term: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Meeting materials are posted at [kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings](https://kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings)



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# RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL SLATE

- **Representatives of State Agencies**

- \*Nichelle Adams, DCF
- Kimberly Cervantes, KDHE
- \*Holly Frye, KDHE
- \*Kim Kennedy, DCF
- \*Natalie McClane, KSDE
- \*Bethany Samuel, DCF
- Melissa Schoenberger, KCCTF - **CHAIR**

- **Representative(s) from Head Start agencies located in Kansas**

- David Brock, McPherson USD 418
- \*Larry Lewis, Growing Futures Early Education Center
- Audrey Waid, Little Learners Childhood Connections

- **Representative(s) of local school districts**

- Pshyra Bedell, USD 231 Gardner Edgerton
- Laura Evins, USD 252 Southern Lyon County
- \*Karen MacCrary, Mitchel County Partnership for Children

- **Representative(s) of institutions of higher education in the State of Kansas**

- \*Mallory Arellano, Newman University
- \*Cathy Gray, Butler Community College
- Rebeka Meitler, Kansas State University

- **Parent of a young child currently receiving early childhood services from the state of Kansas**

- Sarah Behrens, Parent, University of Kansas Medical Center
- Christina Small, Parent, Salina Area United Way
- AbdulRasak Yahaya, Parent, Open Minds Child Development Center

# RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL SLATE

- **Representative(s) of local provider of early childhood education and development services**

- Rebecca Clancy, *Russell Child Development Center*
- Janelle Dean, *Asbury Child Development Center*
- \*Janine Foth, *Cougar Cubs Daycare USD 397 Centre*
- \*Kelly Frantz-Langford, *TARC*
- \*Amy Gottschamer, *Googols of Learning Child Development Center*
- \*Malissa Martin, *SparkWheel, Inc.*
- \*Cheisa Myles, *Blessed Assurance Daycare*
- \*Lisa Schmidt, *Women's Community Y*
- April Shuman, *Gigi's Child Care Home*
- \*Cornelia Stevens, *TOP Early Learning Centers*
- \*Mandy Waugh, *Child Start*

- **Other Representative(s)**

- \*Marites Altuna, *Kansas State School for the Blind*
- \*Brenda Bandy, *Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition*
- Tammie Benham, *Southeast Kansas Library System*
- Sara Bloom, *Kansas Department of Commerce*
- Heather Faulkner, *Reno County Child Care task Force*
- \*Talia Juiliano-Myers, *Child Care Aware of Eastern KS*
- Trina Morgan, *Kansas Children's Service League*
- \*Patty Peschel, *KCCTO*
- \*Tabatha Rosproy, *Kansas Parent Information Resource Center*
- \*Christi Smith, *Child Care Aware of Kansas*
- \*Natalie Sollo, *KU School of Medicine – Wichita*
- Jenny Smith, *Kansas Parents as Teachers*
- Rebecca Stewart, *Supporting Care Providers of Kansas*

# PANEL SLATE APPROVAL

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- **Amanda Petersen**

- Kansas State Department of Education

- **Craig Barnes**

- Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

- **Matthew Billinger**

- Kansas Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice Authority

- **Derik Flerlage**

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment

- **Brandi Wells**

- Kansas Board of Regents

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# UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

**Next Meeting: August 1** *(Virtual)*

## 2025 Meeting Schedule

- August 1
- October 3
- December 5

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