

# All In For Kansas Kids



## Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

**WEBINAR** APRIL 9, 2025



# WELCOME

- 2025 Webinar Series
  - Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Sign up to receive our All In For Kansas Kids e-Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – <http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/>
- Presentation on Help Me Grow Kansas, 1-800-CHILDREN, and Family Systems Consultants by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Early Childhood Systems Updates

## Agenda



### 2025 Webinar Schedule

January ~~OFF~~

February 12<sup>th</sup>

March 12<sup>th</sup>

April 9<sup>th</sup>

May 14<sup>th</sup>

June 11<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>

August 13<sup>th</sup>

September 10<sup>th</sup>

October 8<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup>

December 10<sup>th</sup>



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# Help Me Grow Framework



- Help Me Grow Kansas is a foundational philosophy to ensure children and families are connected to the **right resources** at the **right time**.
- Support Kansas children and family's well-being.

# Help Me Grow Vision



- Promote and educate on developmental screenings.
- Expand quality, closed-loop referrals and linkage to services.
- Connect established community collaboratives, uniting efforts.
- Health provider engagement, training, and feedback.
- No wrong door approach with follow up to make sure every child, youth, and family get the services they need to **support health growth and development.**



# Centralized Access Point



Information and Referral



Up-to-date resource directories



“Go-To” place for questions about child development.



Community outreach and connection



# 1-800-CHILDREN Provides Judgment-free Support



Families can easily connect with the information, local resources, and support they need 24/7, even if what they need is just a listening ear.



# No question is off limits



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(or 1-800-332-6378)



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Visit [1800CHILDRENKS.org](https://1800CHILDRENKS.org) to find  
resources near you

# Accessible to All Kansans

The 1-800-CHILDREN program is:

- Statewide
- Available 24/7/365
- Available via phone, email, text, website, & mobile app
- No cost
- Without eligibility or income requirements
- Accessible in over 200 languages
- Anonymous
- Available to anyone- parents, caregivers, professionals



# 1800childrenks.org

Resource Directory Database



**1-800-CHILDREN**  
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# Step 1: Enter your zip code

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Support Sign Up Log In


Connect with resources and services in your community

Zip

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**1-800-CHILDREN is here to provide 24/7 support without judgement.**  
No question is too big or too small when it comes to parenting. Find helpful resources and supports near you through this site or connect with a real person by calling 1-800-CHILDREN. We offer free and confidential support in English and Spanish as well as multiple other languages.

Select Language 

Suggest Program | Claim Programs | Accessibility | Terms | Privacy  
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## Step 2: Search for local programs

The screenshot displays the 1-800-CHILDREN website interface. At the top, the logo and navigation links (Support, Sign Up, Log In) are visible. A search bar is highlighted with a blue arrow, containing the placeholder text "ZIP or keyword or program name". Below the search bar is a horizontal menu with icons and labels for various categories: Food, Housing & Goods, Parenting, Early Childhood, Health, Money & Employment, Education, Safety, Legal, and Seasonal. The main content area features a large upward-pointing arrow, the text "Find programs", and a specific search query: "that serve people in El Dorado, KS 67042". Below this, a prompt says "Type a search term, or pick a category". A footer note states: "This curated database of resources is provided by 1-800-Children, Supporting Parents". On the right side, there is a "1-800-CHILDREN Supporting Parents" logo and a note "Powered by Kansas Children's Service League". A dark overlay box in the bottom right corner contains "Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Info" with a close button (X) and a link to "KANSAS COVID-19 VACCINE INFO".

1-800-CHILDREN

Support Sign Up Log In

ZIP or keyword or program name

Select Language

Food Housing & Goods Parenting Early Childhood Health Money & Employment Education Safety Legal Seasonal

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**Kansas COVID-19 Vaccine Info** X

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine in Kansas, including the Kansas Find My Vaccine Map, please visit the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's website.

KANSAS COVID-19 VACCINE INFO



# Step 2: Search for local programs

Healthcare - El Dorado, KS | 1-800-CHILDREN

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Support Sign Up Log In

ZIP or keyword or program name

Select Language English

Food Housing & Goods Parenting Early Childhood **Health** Money & Employment Education Safety Legal Seasonal

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Personal Filters Program Filters

Sort by RELEVANCE CLOSEST

Income Eligibility

**Early Intervention Services**  
by Rainbows United  
Reviewed on: 12/08/2023

Rainbows United provides Early Intervention Services to support delayed-development or disabilities. This program provides:- Assistive technology-Speech/...

Main Services: medical supplies, assistive technology, vision care, medical care, prevent & treat, early childhood intervention, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, specialized therapy, mental health care, navigating the system, case management, support network

Other Services: transportation for healthcare

Serving: infants, children, developmental disability, families, with children, caregivers, parents

Insurance  
Medical Supplies  
End of Life/Bereavement  
Medications/Pharmacies  
**Healthcare**  
Mental Health  
Substance Abuse  
Vision/Dental  
Prenatal Care

Next Steps:  
Call 316-320-1342 (your nearest location).  
5.33 miles (serves your local area)  
409 North Main Street, El Dorado, KS 67042  
Open Now : 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM CST

Map Satellite

Notice out-of-date information or see a program you work for? Click **Suggest** to share an update or claim your program listing to get access to free tools and data.

MORE INFO

SAVE SHARE NOTES SUGGEST

SEE NEXT STEPS

**Adoption Assistance**  
by Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)  
Reviewed on: 12/08/2023



# Step 3: Review the details

Personal Filters

Program Filters

Income Eligibility

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, some of this information may change. Call ahead before visiting.

Notice something out of date? Let us know, click [Suggest](#) to recommend a change.

☐ **Child Care Resource and Referral**  
by [Child Care Aware of Kansas](#)

Child Care Aware of Kansas provides free and confidential referrals that are tailored to fit the needs of each individual family seeking child care. We provide families with consumer education to...

**Main Services:** [help find childcare](#)

**Serving:** [adults](#), [young adults](#), [teens](#), [seniors](#), [families](#), [with children](#), [single parent](#), [caregivers](#), [parents](#)

**Next Steps:**

Call [877-678-2548](#) or apply on their [website](#).

Serves your state

Open Now : 8:00am - 5:00pm

MORE INFO

SAVE

SHARE

NOTES

SUGGEST

APPLY ON THEIR SITE

PRINT VIEW

**Eligibility:** Follow the Next Steps to find out if this program has eligibility criteria.

**Availability:** available

**Description:** Child Care Aware of Kansas provides free and confidential referrals that are tailored to fit the needs of each individual family seeking child care. We provide families with consumer education to assist them in choosing a quality child care program.

Services provided:

- Help finding childcare

**Languages:** English

**Cost:** Free

[Suggest Program](#) | [Claim Programs](#) | [Accessibility](#) | [Terms](#) | [Privacy](#)  
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- Referral process
  - Short term care coordination, follow up, direct connections
- Relationship building with services and programs
- Family Advisory Council partnering on improving search, updating resources, etc.
- Website updates



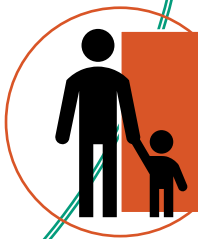
# Family Outreach and Engagement



Increase awareness of services available to families throughout communities



Ease access to resources and services



Advance rates of developmental surveillance and screening.



# Family & Community Outreach



Family

Provider

1-800-CHILDREN

About ▾



1-800-CHILDREN



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1800CHILDRENKS.org

- Parent and Caregiver Fireside Chats
- Developing Family Leader role
- Regular feedback and decision making
- ASQ screening tool
  - Books, Balls, and Blocks
  - 1-800-CHILDREN



[www.helpmegrowks.org](http://www.helpmegrowks.org)



# Books, Balls, and Blocks



- Funded through the Preschool Development Grant
- ASQ screenings
- Play and learning stations
- Resources and referrals

# Books, Balls, and Blocks



- Partnering with 2 childcare programs in 2025
- Hosting an event at the Parent Leadership Conference for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Year 2
  - New partnership opportunity, community events
  - Trainings to replicate

# Child Development

Ages & Stages  
Questionnaire

By phone or  
electronically

Ages 0-6





## Family Advisory Council

The Bureau of Family Health's Family Advisory Council also known as the FAC, consist of families from across Kansas who provide guidance to KDHE on how to best support mothers, infants, children and child/youth with special health care needs.



# Family Advisory Council



The FAC meets 4 times a year, 3 virtual meetings with one 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.



# 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)



# Family Advisory Council



The Child group and Adolescents group paired up to present at the Parent Leadership

Conference in September 2024. Their presentation was on parent feedback, there was

great discussion with participants.

- The CSHCN and Early Childhood work groups will be working with 1800 children this year.



# Family Advisory Council



After reviewing the current representation in our FAC, we noticed a lack of members with children under the age of 5. To address this, plan to attend community baby showers this spring to promote the FAC along with HMG KS.

We plan to expand our FAC work groups to include a fatherhood/non-birthing partner group.



# Provider Outreach

- Provider training and education opportunities.
- Increase occurrence of closed-loop referrals.
- Advocate for integration of screenings
- Encourage providers to discuss screening results

# Activities

- Physician Champion: starting soon!
- Partnership with KSKidsMAP to facilitate provider training
  - Children's Behavioral/Mental Health Training
  - Screening Training (ASQ)
- Connecting with community services and organizations

# Guide for Adding & Claiming Programs



## Quick Reference Guide:

How to include and update program information  
in the 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory

An easily accessible, reliable, and organized system of community resources ensures that Kansas families and communities are connected to the information, services, and supports they need, when they need them. The 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory and Call Line provides 24-hour, confidential, free information, support, and connection to local resources across the state. Every program added to the 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory is reviewed, updated, and verified, at minimum, every 6 months.

**To ensure a robust and reliable resource directory we need your help.** Step-by-step directions are outlined in the following pages to assist you in updating, adding, and/or claiming your program in the statewide 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory.



Visit [1800CHILDRENKS.org](https://1800CHILDRENKS.org) to find resources near you.



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1-800-CHILDREN is available 24/7 to connect you with resources and supports.

# Outreach to Families, Communities, & Providers



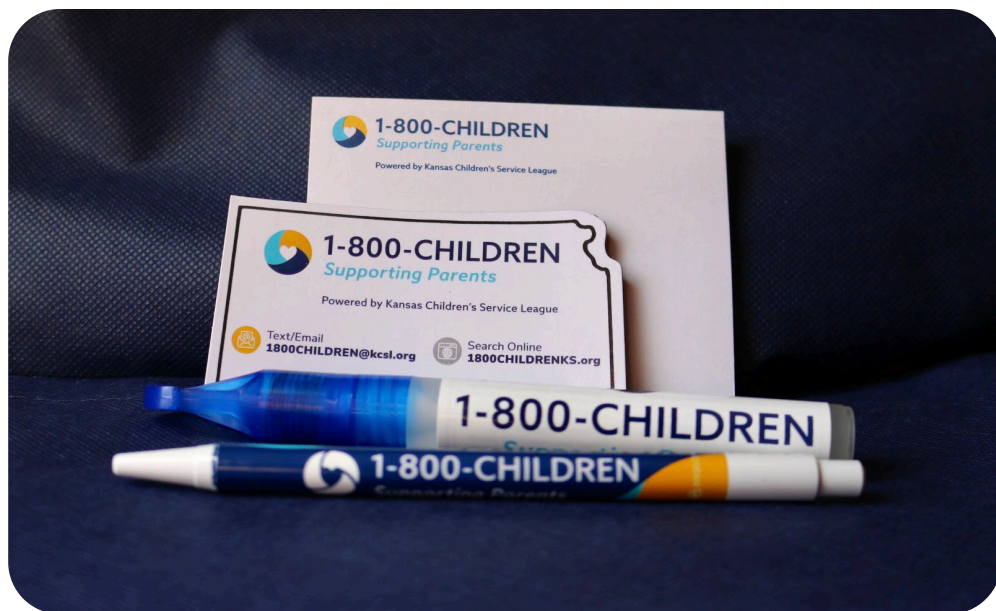
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HELPLINE AND RESOURCE DIRECTORY

- Presentations at in-person and virtual conferences, coalition meetings, team meetings, parent groups, etc.
- Booths at professional conferences and community events
- Distribute materials to organizations across the state
- Collaboration with community partners who spread the word about 1-800-CHILDREN in their areas
- Social media & radio/streaming campaigns

# Outreach Materials Available to Order



Why is there spit-up everywhere?

What's this thing called balance  
I hear other dads talking about?

How do I help my kid deal with  
the world's meanest third grader?

How much tummy time is too much tummy time?

Where can I find more parent friends?

Is screen time bad for my kid? How about for me?

Should he be potty trained by now?

## HOW THE HECK DO YOU GET YOUR BABY TO SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT?!

What is cradle cap and what makes it go away?

Will my teenager ever think I'm cool again?

Is green poop normal? OK, what about yellow poop?



## When it comes to raising your child, no question is off limits.

Get judgment-free parenting support  
24/7 in English and Spanish  
as well as multiple other languages.



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# Data Collection & Analysis

- Quality improvement
- Evaluation
- Better collection and usage
- Identify systemic gaps
- Bolsters advocacy efforts

# Activities

- Exploring how data collection protocol and reporting can be modified for greater fidelity with Help Me Grow
- Family and Provider feedback loop
- Care Coordination Survey
  - Families and Care Coordinators

# 77%

of KDHE staff that responded to the survey reported they provide screenings to individuals or families



*As a parent, this is one of the most valuable supports I've had. It has made me more confident as a parent and helps me better support my child.*

**KDHE providers strongly agreed that they are able to build trust with each individual or family**

# 90%

of KDHE staff who reported providing screenings said they use the results to inform what services and referrals they provide

Families who received services from KDHE strongly agreed that their provider was **supportive, understanding, and trustworthy**, and said that they were **extremely satisfied** with their provider.



**Families strongly agreed** that referrals received from providers met their needs.



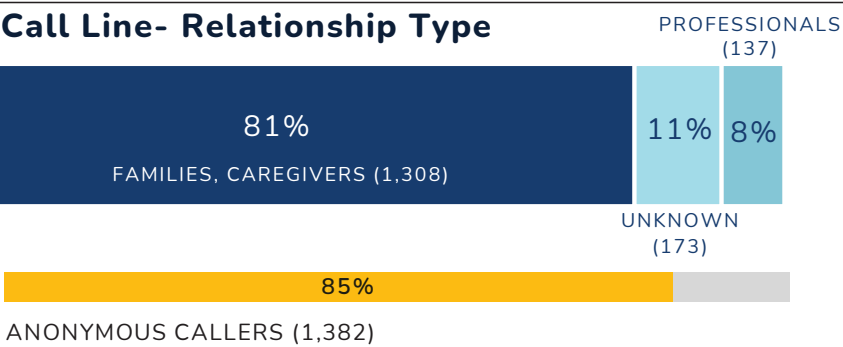
# 1-800-CHILDREN Activity January - December 2024

AT-A-GLANCE

## Call Line- Total Calls

1,618

## Call Line- Relationship Type



## Total Database Searches, Interactions, & Connections

67,584

## Total Distinct Visitors

35,021

## New Mobile App Downloads

2,441

## Top Reasons for the Call

PROGRAM INFORMATION (275)	DIAPERS/WIPES/FORMULA (69)
UTILITIES (136)	CHILD DEVELOPMENT (62)
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT CONCERNS (119)	ACTING OUT/DISCIPLINE (56)
CUSTODY (103)	FOOD (54)
CHILDCARE/YOUTH ACTIVITIES (100)	FINANCIAL (53)
HOUSING (96)	CHILD SUPPORT (40)
MENTAL HEALTH (82)	OTHER BASIC NEEDS (36)
PARENTING CLASS/SUPPORT GROUP (77)	

## Top Search Terms

Housing Assistance (1,718)	Utilities (418)
Mortgage/Rental Assistance (1,198)	Find Childcare (363)
Parenting Classes (919)	Help Pay for Food (340)
Food Pantries/Food Banks (904)	Temporary Housing/Shelter (328)
Financial Assistance (652)	Furniture/Appliances (297)
Emergency Food (527)	Behavior/At-Risk Resources (293)
Mental Health (437)	Diapers/Formula (285)

# Coming Soon

## Help Me Grow KS

- Physician Champion: Joining the HMG KS team summer 2025
- Interested in bringing a Books, Balls, Blocks event to your program?

## 1-800-CHILDREN

- Website updates with FindHelp
- Parent Leadership Conference: September 2025



# Kansas Family Leadership Training Plans



The Kansas Family Leadership Training (KFLT) previously known as the Family Leadership Team (FLT) is planning to address a key need expressed by both families and providers across the state—bringing specialized leadership training to Kansas. This initiative aims to empower individuals to become strong family leaders within their communities.

We plan to work along side HMG KS to have their family leaders be a huge part in developing this training !

While much of 2025 will focus on exploration and learning, we are excited about the possibilities ahead. Stay tuned for more updates as we move forward!



# Questions?

# Thank You!

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# All In For Kansas Kids



Early Childhood  
Systems Updates



# EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

## NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

### Join the Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel!

- Applications are being accepted now through May 2<sup>nd</sup> for any Kansan interested in serving on the working group for the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council, known as the Recommendations Panel
- Visit the [KCCTF website](#) to learn about the knowledge and experience represented on the Panel and how you can share your voice in this important work
- Interested parties can view past meeting recordings on [YouTube](#) and learn more about the panel [here](#)!

**Get Involved!**



# CHILD CARE GRANT INITIATIVES

**The Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center is pleased to offer two grant initiatives to support NWKS child care facilities/providers.**

- Child Care Multi-Purpose Grants give child care facilities and providers the flexibility to apply grant funding to their most pressing needs
- Early Childhood Education Staff Retention Grants are designed to provide financial recognition for early childhood staff, reduce costs associated with staff turnover, and stabilize the workforce
- Application deadline is April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Learn more [here](#)!

**Funding Opportunity**





Providers

Families

Specialists

# Care & Wellness Conference

**May 6, 2025**  
Garden City, KS

**May 8, 2025**  
Hays, KS

# CARE & WELLNESS CONFERENCE



Join us for this free event!

**Garden City-** May 6

**Hays-** May 8

- **Stipends available** for participating families of young children (birth to five)
- **KDHE approved in-service hours**
- **Connect with local early childhood professionals & families**
- **Expand your skills** to support your role as a caregiver & professional
- **Find helpful resources**

*Lunch is provided*

## REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **Early Childhood Recommendations Panel**

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 9 am-11:30 am

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 12-1:00 pm

- **Children's Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9 am-12 pm

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

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# Stay Up to Date



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# Thanks!

