

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR SEPTEMBER 9, 2026



WELCOME

- 2026 Webinar Series
 - Held on the 2nd 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.gov/>
- Stephanie Coleman, Autism Family Outreach Manager at LEND
 - Kansas Disability Supports Presentation; Equipping Childcare Providers to Connect Children & Families with Resources Across Kansas
- EC Systems Updates

Agenda



2026 Webinar Schedule

January ~~OFF~~
February ~~11th~~
March ~~11th~~
April ~~8th~~
May ~~13th~~
June ~~10th~~
July ~~8th~~
August ~~12th~~
September ~~9th~~
October ~~14th~~
November ~~4th~~
December ~~9th~~

Kansas Supports and Resources

ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS
SEPTEMBER 9TH



Stephanie Coleman

Autism Family Outreach Manager

Kansas LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities)

Kansas Family Support Center

University of Kansas Medical Center

Super Mom to Matthew John, 31

- Graduate of University of the Ozarks
- Licensed driver at 23
- Future KC Royals cameraman

Our Motto ~ don't tell me it's impossible until after I'm finished!

AGENDA



INFORMATION



Q&A

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Milestones take time

- Walking
- Talking

Focus on the positive

- Promote what he/she does well
- Stay patient and positive
- Celebrate the little wins

LOCAL
PROGRAMS

Infant Toddler
Services (ITS)

Parents as
Teachers (PAT)

EPSDT

- **Early:** Assessing and identifying problems early
- **Periodic:** Checking children's health at periodic, age-appropriate intervals
- **Screening:** Providing physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems
- **Diagnostic:** Performing diagnostic tests to follow up when a risk is identified, and
- **Treatment:** Control, correct or reduce health problems found.

KANSAS SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM

- Care Coordination
- Direct Assistance Programs
- Diagnostic Support
- Special Bequest
- Eligibility
 - Up to 21 yrs of age receiving SSI
 - Up to 21 yrs of age with genetic or metabolic condition (including autism)
- [KDHE: Special Health Care Needs](#)

AUTISM EVALUATIONS

- KDHE Announcement
- University of Kansas HealthSystem
- Children's Mercy Hospital

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)

- Early Intervention
- Evidence based behavioral therapy
- Center based or Homebased



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ORGANIZATION (CDDO)

- Home and Community Based Services
 - ASD Waiver (KDADS)
 - I/DD Waiver – KS 10 -12 year wait list (CDDO)
 - In-home supports to live independently
 - Residential Services
 - Targeted Case Management
 - Supported Employment
 - [Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) | Department for Aging and Disability Services](#)
 - Community Supports Waiver – October 2026 (CDDO)
 - [Community Support Waiver | Department for Aging and Disability Services](#)

SOCIAL SECURITY

- Supplemental Security Income
 - How to apply [Disability | SSA](#)
 - Use for any expense related to individual
 - May work
 - \$2000 resource limitation
 - Receive up to \$994 month

Families Together,
Inc

Kansas Disability
Rights Center

Kansas Council on
Developmental
Disabilities

Special Olympics

Autism Speaks

Autism Society

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

KANSAS FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

1. Community Supports and Resources
 1. Vetted Database/Chatbot
 2. Crisis Support
2. OASIS Parent Training
 1. Online Modules
 2. Virtual Coaching
3. Parent Empowerment Peer Project (PEP)
 1. Statewide Partners
 1. Families Together
 2. Integrated Behavioral Technologies
 3. The Kansas Institute for Positive, Healthy & Inclusive Communities



KANSAS LEND

- Webinars on Autism/IDD
 - Cape – Search Kansas LEND
- Technical Assistance
 - [Technical Assistance](#)
- Childcare Certification Program
 - Currently Recruiting



NETWORK WITH LOCAL PROVIDERS

- ABA Providers
- ITS/PAT
- Financial Supports



SHARE INFORMATION, CREATE ADVOCATES, CREATE SYSTEM CHANGE



QUESTIONS

A graphic featuring the word "QUESTIONS" in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. The text is centered and has a slight 3D effect with a drop shadow. Behind the text is a dense, colorful collage of various shapes and symbols. The collage includes numerous question marks in different colors (blue, yellow, green, pink, orange, purple) and sizes. There are also various geometric shapes like circles, squares, and triangles in the same color palette. The overall composition is vibrant and abstract, suggesting a theme of inquiry or uncertainty.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Early Childhood
Systems Updates



UPCOMING CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS

Kansas Home Visiting Conference 2026: Connecting, Celebrating, & Strengthening Our Impact

- Date: Tuesday, September 22nd
- Time: 9am-3:30pm
- Location: Garden City, Hays, Topeka, & Wichita
- Cost: \$25 (breakfast & lunch included)
- [Learn more](#) & register today! Registration ends September 15th



**Professional
Development**



UPCOMING CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS

21st Annual Early Childhood Fall Symposium

- Date: Saturday, October 10th
- Time: 8:30am-3:30pm
- Location: Johnson Community College in Overland Park
- Cost: \$75 (full & partial scholarships available to support your registration payment)
- [Learn more](#) & register today!
Registration ends October 5th



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UPCOMING CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS

9th Annual Vision Symposium

- Date: Friday, October 23rd
- Time: 7:30am-3:30pm
- Location: Doubletree by Hilton Wichita Airport
- Cost: FREE! (lunch provided)
- [Learn more](#) & register today!

NINTH ANNUAL VISION SYMPOSIUM 2026

● by Kansas Instructional Resource Center (KIRC)

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REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Community of Practice Meeting**

Friday, September 11th – 12-1:00 pm

- **Children's Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, October 2nd – 9 am-12 pm

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, October 14th – 12-1:00 pm

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

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