

What is the Blueprint for Early Childhood?

Building a Strong Foundation for Children and Families

An expression of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund's vision for early childhood in Kansas, the Blueprint for Early Childhood ("Blueprint") is a strategic framework to optimize child and family well-being. The Blueprint will be used to align the Cabinet's investment portfolio and monitor progress toward goals.



"Often the most powerful change comes from the community level and develops from the alignment of stakeholders working together in a coordinated way."



- Amanda Adkins, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Chair

Implementation

Built on past systems' work, the Blueprint is a forward-looking guide for expanding an effective early childhood system of services and supports for young children and their families.

Areas of Impact

The Cabinet identified Areas of Impact within each of the Building Blocks - Healthy Development, Strong Families, and Early Learning that aim to unite past and current collaborative work products.

What Do Healthy Development, Strong Families, and Early Learning Look Like?

While the path to achieve success may vary, the Cabinet's vision of success is intended to serve as a guide for innovative program design, partnership development, implementation and tracking toward long-term outcomes for children and families.

Current Measures

The Cabinet is committed to a system of shared measurement and strong accountability to tell the story of early childhood investments in Kansas. Common measures are the tools currently being used to measure short-term and intermediate outcomes in Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) and Community-based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CBCAP) programs.

Community Collaboration

Moving the needle on Healthy Development, Strong Families, and Early Learning will require creative community collaboration across sectors, involving multiple partners working toward a shared vision of high quality, accessible, affordable programs for young children and families.