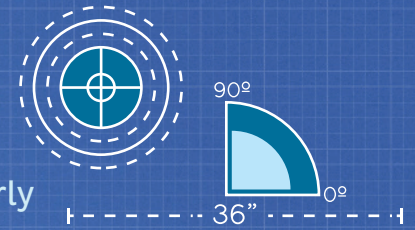


Blueprint for Early Childhood

Building a Strong Foundation for Children and Families

The **Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund** recognizes early childhood as a critical period of intervention that establishes a child's foundation for school and life success. We are therefore committed to nurturing a culture of public-private partnerships in early childhood programming where diversity of thought is an asset and past work is valued.



Goals

public-private Partnerships **Community Collaboration** shared vision

Healthy Development

- PRIMARY CARE
- SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- EARLY IDENTIFICATION



AREAS OF IMPACT

- Ensure outreach, education, and ongoing support for pregnant women (particularly underserved populations)
- Promote early and comprehensive prenatal care
- Increase identification, access/availability and quality of services
- Increase insurance coverage for pregnant women and children
- Support all children in having a medical home
- Promote access to oral health and vision care
- Integrate and screen universally for healthy development
- Improve access to mental health services through partnerships
- Promote inclusion of children with disabilities into natural environments
- Promote public-private partnerships

Strong Families

- PARENT SUPPORT
- SAFE, STABLE AND NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS (SSNRs)
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



AREAS OF IMPACT

- Support parent involvement and leadership
- Promote safe, stable, and nurturing relationships to ensure children have strong, healthy starts
- Promote cross-sector partnerships to support comprehensive needs of families
- Engage non-traditional stakeholders
- Promote, evaluate, and enhance evidence-based family support programs
- Promote the facilitation of peer-to-peer support opportunities
- Promote opportunities for families to earn a living wage
- Promote public-private partnerships

Early Learning

- CHILD CARE
- PRE-K
- EARLY LITERACY



AREAS OF IMPACT

- Promote community-based, school-based, and faith-based early learning experiences
- Support economic development of child care businesses
- Ensure high-quality care for all children by promoting adequate funding for core services
- Ensure high-quality care for all children by supporting the implementation of a statewide quality rating and improvement system
- Promote effective transitions into school for at-risk populations, including voluntary, full-day kindergarten
- Support inclusive and culturally sensitive training for early childhood professionals based on established core competencies
- Support the use of early learning standards to increase consistency and quality of services
- Promote public-private partnerships

As a baseline for this Blueprint, collaborative work products in which the Cabinet has participated, such as the Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive System Plan, the Kansas School Readiness Framework, and the Kansas Strengthening Families Plan, have been used. Existing plans such as the Governor's Roadmap for Kansas, the Maternal and Child Health Strategic Plan (KDHE), the Child Care and Development Fund State Plan (DCF), and the Kansas Head Start State Collaboration Office Priority Areas (DCF) will also continually inform the Blueprint to support collective impact.