

**Strengthening
Early Childhood
in Kansas in 2019**

WEBINAR
May 1, 2019



Welcome

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Kansas Early Childhood Systems-Building Quarter One Reflections

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Activity 1: Conduct Statewide Needs Assessment

- ▶ **Collect and analyze existing needs assessments.**
- ▶ Collect new data
- ▶ Story collection and Community Sensemaking.
- ▶ Community engagement sessions in 37 communities across Kansas.



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- ▶ Examples of Existing Assessments Include:
 - ▶ Childcare supply and demand
 - ▶ Workforce professional development
 - ▶ Head Start
 - ▶ MIECHV/Kansas Home Visiting
 - ▶ Title V Kansas Maternal and Child Health
 - ▶ Part C Services
 - ▶ Early Childhood Block Grant
 - ▶ WIC and Nutrition Services
- ▶ Rubric for Existing Needs Assessments:
 - ▶ Child and Family Populations, Programs/Models, and Policy/Infrastructure
- ▶ Analysis to inform next steps:
 - ▶ What are we missing? What are the emerging trends and gaps?



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- ▶ Child Care Provider - Environmental Needs Assessment
- ▶ Child Care Provider - Workforce Professional Development Survey – *Coming Soon!*
- ▶ Facilitation Team and Visioning Sessions



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Project Update

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UPDATES & NEW FRONTIERS


- ▶ Community Sensemaking Workshops
 - Schedule yours by May 15!
- ▶ Our Tomorrows Blog
- ▶ Spanish translation
- ▶ Business Service Agreements
- ▶ Our Tomorrows Update Newsletters
 - bit.ly/JoinOurTomorrows





WHERE WILL WE BE NEXT?

- ▶ Saturday, May 4 – Douglas County Climb Out of the Darkness Walk
 - 9:00am – 12:00pm
 - Hobbs Park, Lawrence

 - ▶ Thursday, May 9 & Friday, May 10 – KAIMH Conference
 - 9:00am – 5:00pm
 - Drury Plaza Hotel, Wichita
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NEXT STEPS

1. Join *Our Tomorrows* and complete your BSA
2. Schedule your Community Sensemaking Workshop
3. Join our mailing list: bit.ly/JoinOurTomorrows

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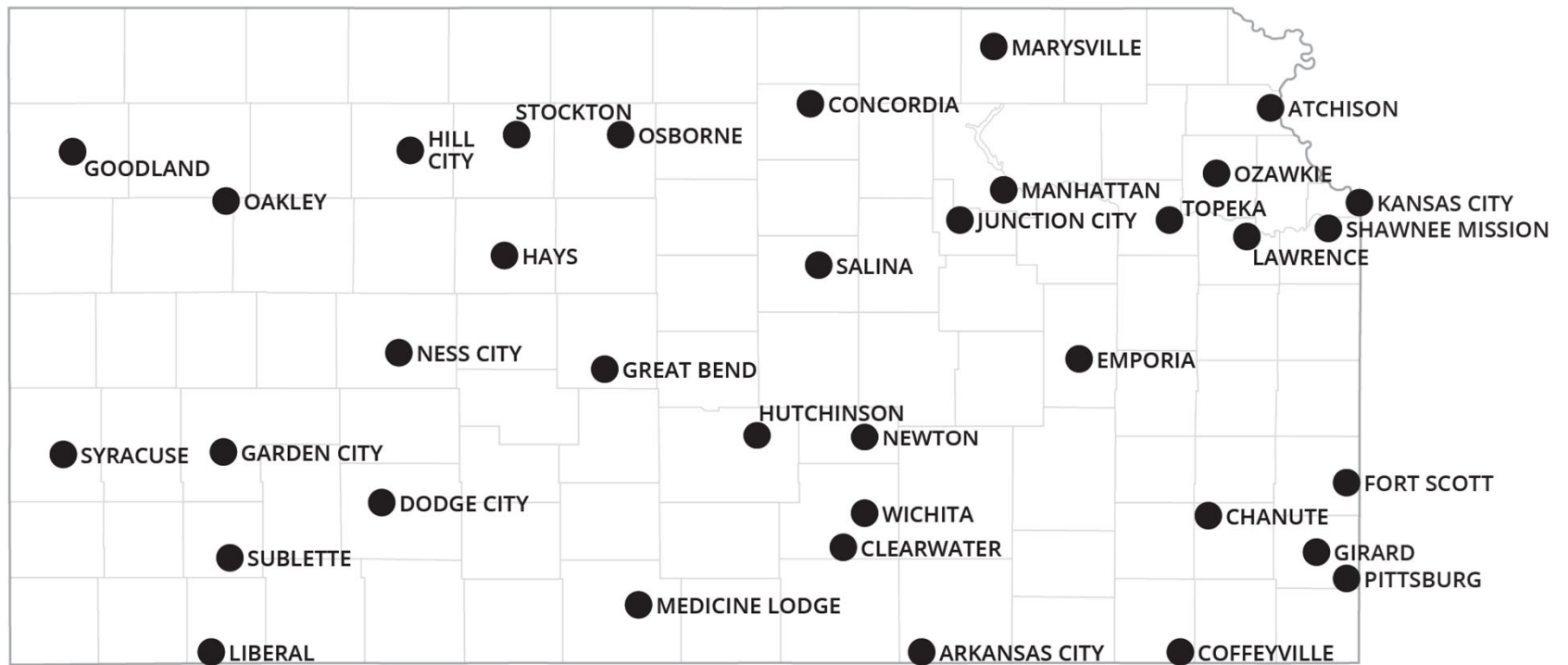
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- ▶ **May 1 – Chanute**
- ▶ **May 2 – Fort Scott**
- ▶ **May 7 – Syracuse**
- ▶ **May 8 – Goodland**
- ▶ **May 8 – Oakley**
- ▶ **May 9 – Ness City**
- ▶ **May 13 – Great Bend**
- ▶ **May 15 – Osborne**
- ▶ **May 21 – Junction City**
- ▶ **May 21 – Shawnee Mission**
- ▶ **May 22 – Concordia**
- ▶ **May 23 – Marysville**

Additional session dates will be shared once venues are confirmed!

Information will be shared on the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website as it is finalized. <http://kschildrenscabinet.org/early-childhood-initiatives-in-kansas-2019/>



Community Engagement Sessions

- ▶ June/July Dates
- ▶ Marketing Flyer – May Session Flyer on the Website
 - ▶ Community-specific flyer?
Contact Sara (sgardner10@ku.edu)
- ▶ Social media partners to share session information on Twitter and Facebook
 - ▶ Twitter - @KCCTF
 - ▶ Facebook - @KUCPPR



Activity 2: Create Statewide Strategic Plan

- ▶ Informed by the Needs Assessment Work
- ▶ Collaborative Approach (KCCTF, KSDE, KDHE, DCF)
- ▶ Statewide Vision and Support for Early Childhood

“We are ALL Early Childhood Stakeholders”
Governor Laura Kelly



Activity 3: Maximize Parental Choice and Knowledge

- ▶ Amplify the experiences of families in the development of the needs assessment and strategic plan.
 - ▶ Over 600 stories so far ... and counting!
- ▶ Link Kansas Family Engagement and Partnership Standards to evidence-based practices.
 - ▶ Workgroup includes stakeholders from across the state, and has started identifying and prioritizing best practices for each standard.



Activity 4: Share Best Practices

- ▶ Enhance Kansas' child care quality recognition and improvement system pilot (Links to Quality).



What's Next?

- ▶ **Needs Assessment Efforts Continue**
 - ▶ Our Tomorrows and Community Sensemaking Workshops
 - ▶ Community Engagement Sessions
 - ▶ Additional Facilitation Efforts
 - ▶ Workforce Professional Development Survey
- ▶ **Strategic Plan**
 - ▶ Continue synthesizing and organizing needs assessment information
 - ▶ Early Planning Stages for Summit – TBD in September/October 2019
- ▶ **Maximize Parent Choice & Knowledge Efforts**
 - ▶ Continue work on linking family engagement standards to best practices
 - ▶ Parent Cafes (KCSL)
 - ▶ Increase Access to Help Me Grow Resources



Ideas? Questions? Support?

- ▶ Website Page
 - ▶ <http://kschildrenscabinet.org/early-childhood>
 - ▶ Webinars – sign-up or view past webinars
 - ▶ Contact Us Form
 - ▶ Community Engagement Sessions
- ▶ State Directors Team
- ▶ Grant Coordination Team

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Thank you!!