

Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas in 2019

WEBINAR

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Welcome

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Project Update
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OUR COLLECTION: 402 STORIES IN KANSAS

526 STORIES TOTAL

0 Cheyenne	1 Rawlins	0 Decatur	1 Norton	0 Phillips	0 Smith	0 Jewell	0 Republic	0 Washington	4 Marshall	2 Nemaha	0 Brown	1 Doniphan		
0 Sherman	0 Thomas	0 Sheridan	0 Graham	1 Rooks	0 Osborne	0 Mitchell	0 Cloud	0 Clay	1 Pottawatomie	1 Jackson	4 Atchison			
0 Wallace	1 Logan	0 Gove	0 Trego	94 Ellis	2 Russell	0 Lincoln	1 Ottawa	3 Riley	3 Geary	0 Wabaunsee	53 Shawnee	4 Jefferson	3 Leavenworth	7 Wyand
0 Greeley	0 Wichita	2 Scott	0 Lane	0 Ness	1 Rush	1 Barton	0 Ellsworth	9 Saline	2 Dickinson	0 Morris	3 Osage	3 Franklin	1 Miami	
0 Hamilton	0 Kearny	3 Finney	0 Hodgeman	1 Pawnee	2 Stafford	0 Rice	0 McPherson	0 Marion	0 Chase	1 Lyon	0 Coffey	0 Anderson	0 Linn	
0 Stanton	0 Grant	0 Haskell	0 Gray	0 Ford	0 Edwards	0 Pratt	6 Reno	2 Harvey	14 Sedgwick	1 Butler	0 Greenwood	0 Woodson	1 Allen	0 Bourbon
0 Morton	0 Stevens	0 Seward	0 Meade	0 Clark	0 Comanche	0 Barber	0 Harper	1 Sumner	0 Cowley	0 Elk	0 Wilson	0 Neosho	23 Crawford	
										0 Chautauqua	4 Montgomery	0 Labette	1 Cherokee	



**New perspectives on
storytelling, complexity, and
generating solutions**



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Kansas Early Childhood Systems- Building Needs Assessment

Purpose: To identify opportunities to enhance and inform

- Quality and availability of services.
- Coordination and connectedness between services.
- Parent and community voice and choice.
- Policy and infrastructure decisions.
- Support for a shared vision.
- An actionable strategic plan for the future.

Kansas Early Childhood Systems- Building Needs Assessment

Deliverables:

- Service numbers.
- Summary of availability and quality of existing services.
- Characterization of navigating and interacting with system.
- Definition and alignment of key early childhood terms.
- Description of infrastructure.
- Description of gaps/opportunities.
- Connection to strategic plan.

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Key Questions:


- Who, why, and where are we reaching?
- What programs exist and what do we know about them?
- How do families navigate within and between services?
- How do programs utilize resources and funding?
- How are services impacted by policy and governance?
- Whose voices are included in decisions about services?
- What opportunities exist to enhance the infrastructure?

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Activities in the Process:

- Review existing Needs Assessments.
- Assess current facilities and workforce.
- Examine current data collection and reporting.
- Conduct Community Engagement Sessions.
- Our Tomorrows: Use SenseMaker and story mapping.

Details on next slide.



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Review Existing Needs Assessments:

- Collecting existing needs assessments from across the system.
- Seeking other needs assessments that might be available but not considered yet.
- Using a rubric to collect and sort information from current needs assessments for analysis.
- Identifying trends and gaps to inform next steps.

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Currently reviewing existing assessments for:

- 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.

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Rubric for existing Needs Assessments:

- Child and Family Populations: demographics, service numbers.
- Programs/Models: key elements, quality improvements.
- Policy/Infrastructure: system navigation, opportunities.

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Analysis to inform next steps:

- What else do we need to know to complete a robust needs assessment?
- What are the trends?
- What answers are emerging to the key questions?
- How do these inform and connect to other components of the needs assessment process?

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Seeking additional assessments and reports:

- Interested in additional documents related to all parts of the early childhood system in Kansas.
- Please send additional assessments and reports to Sara Gardner: sgardner10@ku.edu

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Needs assessment document will:

- Pull together the many perspectives and voices from all needs assessment activities.
- Respond to the key questions.
- Develop as the result of an ongoing and evolving process.
- Inform Fall 2019 strategic plan activities.

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Thank you!!