

# **Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas in 2019**

**WEBINAR**

**March 20, 2019**

# Welcome

- ▶ Amanda Petersen, *Director of Early Childhood*  
Kansas State Department of Education

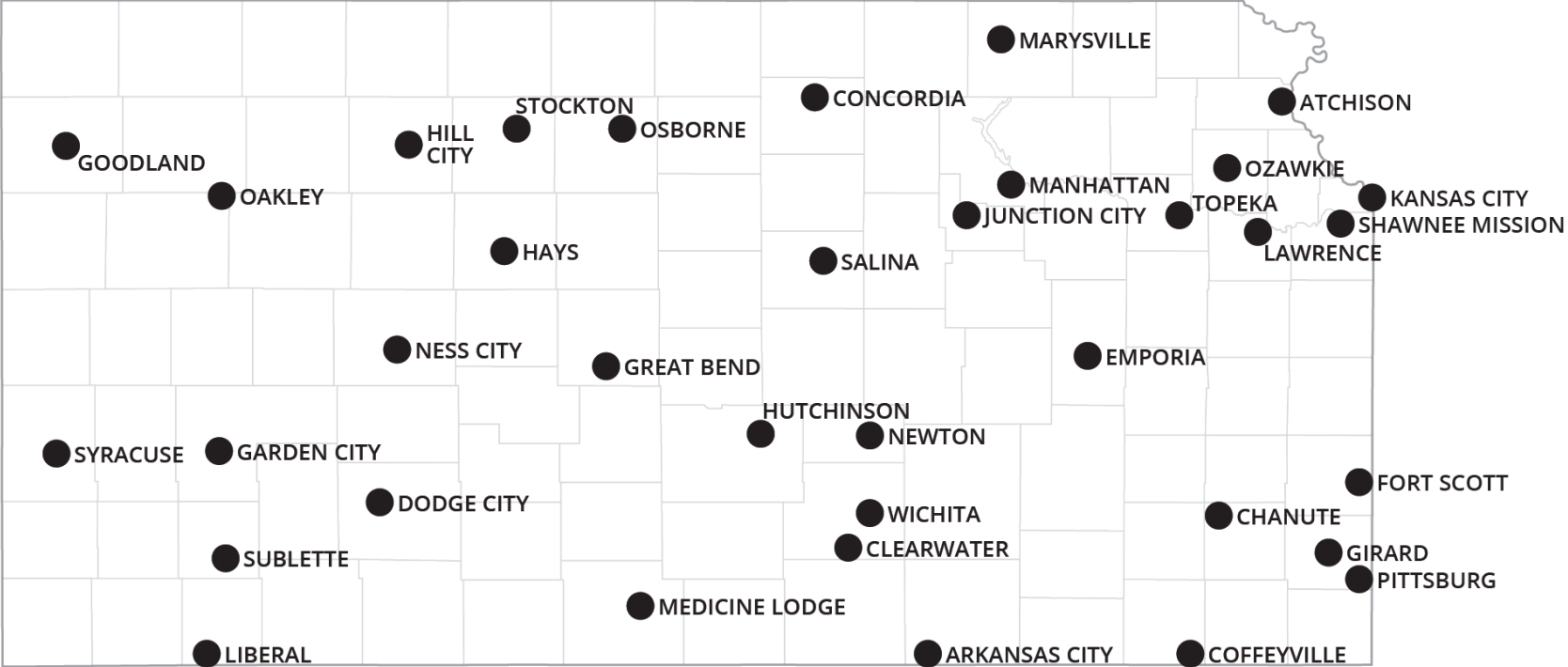
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- ▶ Carri McMahon, *Organization and Collaboration Specialist*, Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute

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- ▶ Community Engagement Session Logistics
  - ▶ One-hour conversations
  - ▶ Small groups and tables
  - ▶ Call-out from small groups to share with the larger group

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- ▶ Community Engagement Session Questions and Discussion Points
  - ▶ What is the experience currently like for young children and families in your community?
  - ▶ What vision or future state do you wish to see for young children and families in your community?
  - ▶ What makes your community unique?
  - ▶ Family vignettes to respond/react to



# Community Engagement Sessions

- ▶ Community Engagement Session – Partner Host Request:
  - ▶ Identifying and securing the session venue
  - ▶ Supporting marketing efforts to get the word out and invite community members to participate
  - ▶ Providing 2 staff members to support the session
  - ▶ If you are interested, sharing comments during the introduction and conclusion

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- ▶ For more information or to support the session coming to your community, please contact Sara – [sgardner10@ku.edu](mailto:sgardner10@ku.edu).

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Thank you!!