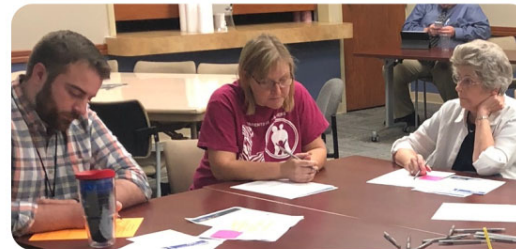
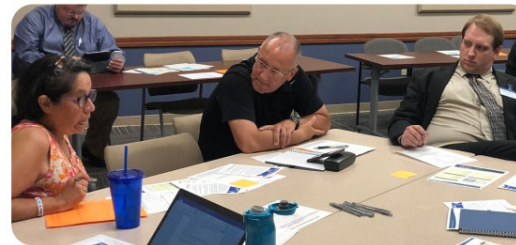
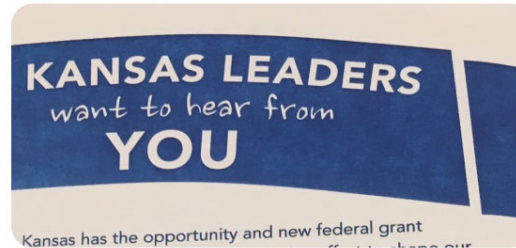


Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas in 2019

WEBINAR
July 24, 2019

Statewide Needs Assessment

- ▶ Community engagement sessions across Kansas.



Community Engagement Sessions

- ▶ Themes and Reactions from the last two weeks...
 - ▶ THANK YOU to partners and participants on our Virtual Session, Hutchinson, and Lawrence!
 - ▶ Bright Spots:
 - ▶ Public library, city parks, Head Start Programs, Parents as Teachers Programs, and collaboration between agencies via community-specific early childhood initiatives
 - ▶ Educational opportunities and resources for new parents.
 - ▶ Challenges related to:
 - ▶ Need for wrap-around services for families, including food, housing, etc.
 - ▶ Need for increased accessible and affordable child care options, including a diverse range of childcare options for parents working evening and overnight shifts



Thank
You!



Community Engagement Sessions

- ▶ **July 24 – El Dorado**
- ▶ **Online Share Form – still available to share insights!**

<http://kschildrenscabinet.org/share/>

Parent and Family Engagement

- ▶ **Parent Stipends available!** https://kschildrenscabinet.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/parent_stipend.pdf
- ▶ Contact Peggy Kelly (pkelly@ksheadstart.org) or download/submit the online form.

Parent Stipend Request Form 2019 Kansas Early Childhood Systems-Building Grant meetings

Organization _____

Date of Meeting _____

Community _____

Check One: Community Conversation Sense Making Road Show

We are requesting a \$40 stipend for the following parents who attended the above event related to the Kansas Early Childhood Systems-Building Grant. (1 per family)

1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	

We understand that funds will be sent to our organization and we are responsible for compensating the parent



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Project Update

July 24, 2019



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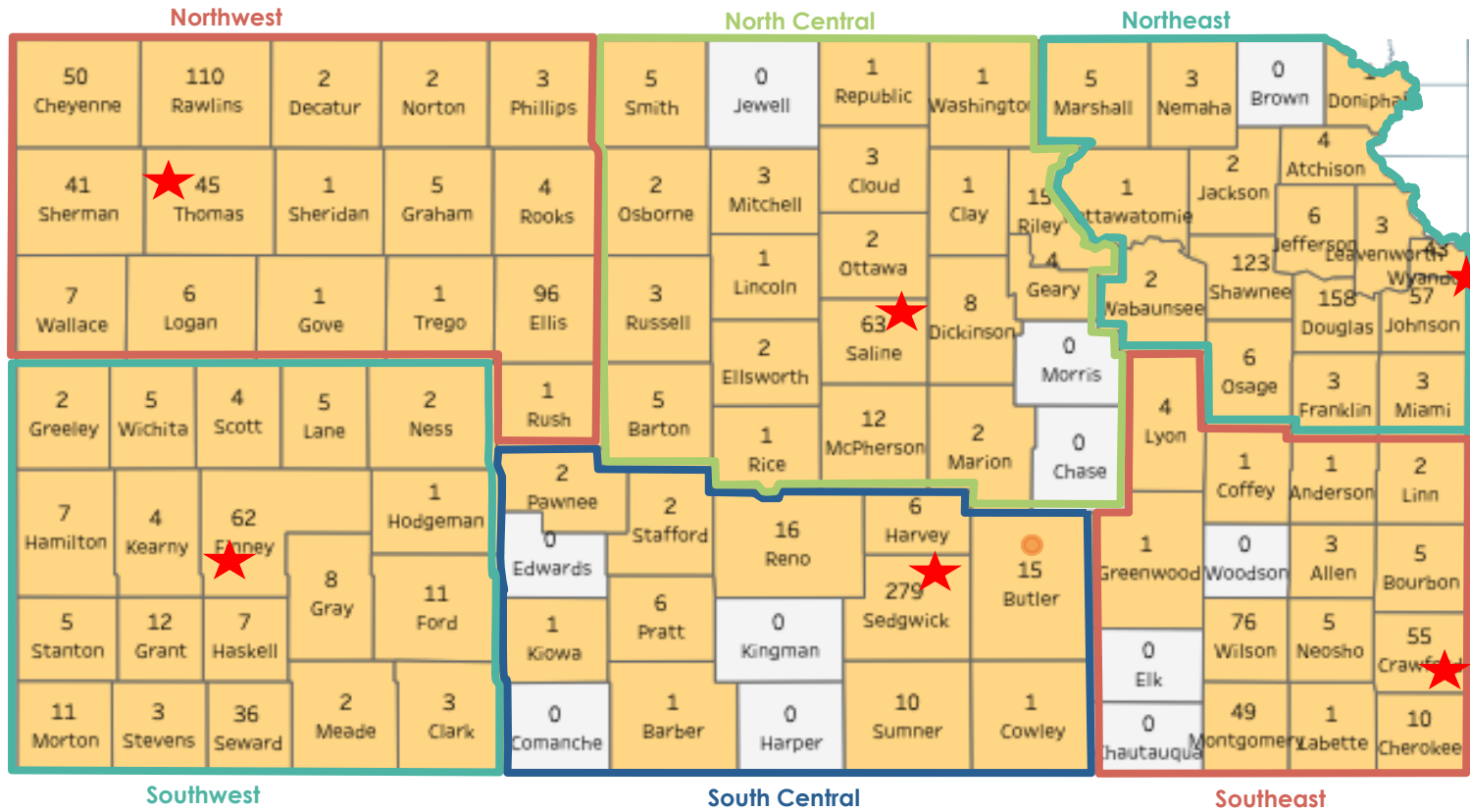
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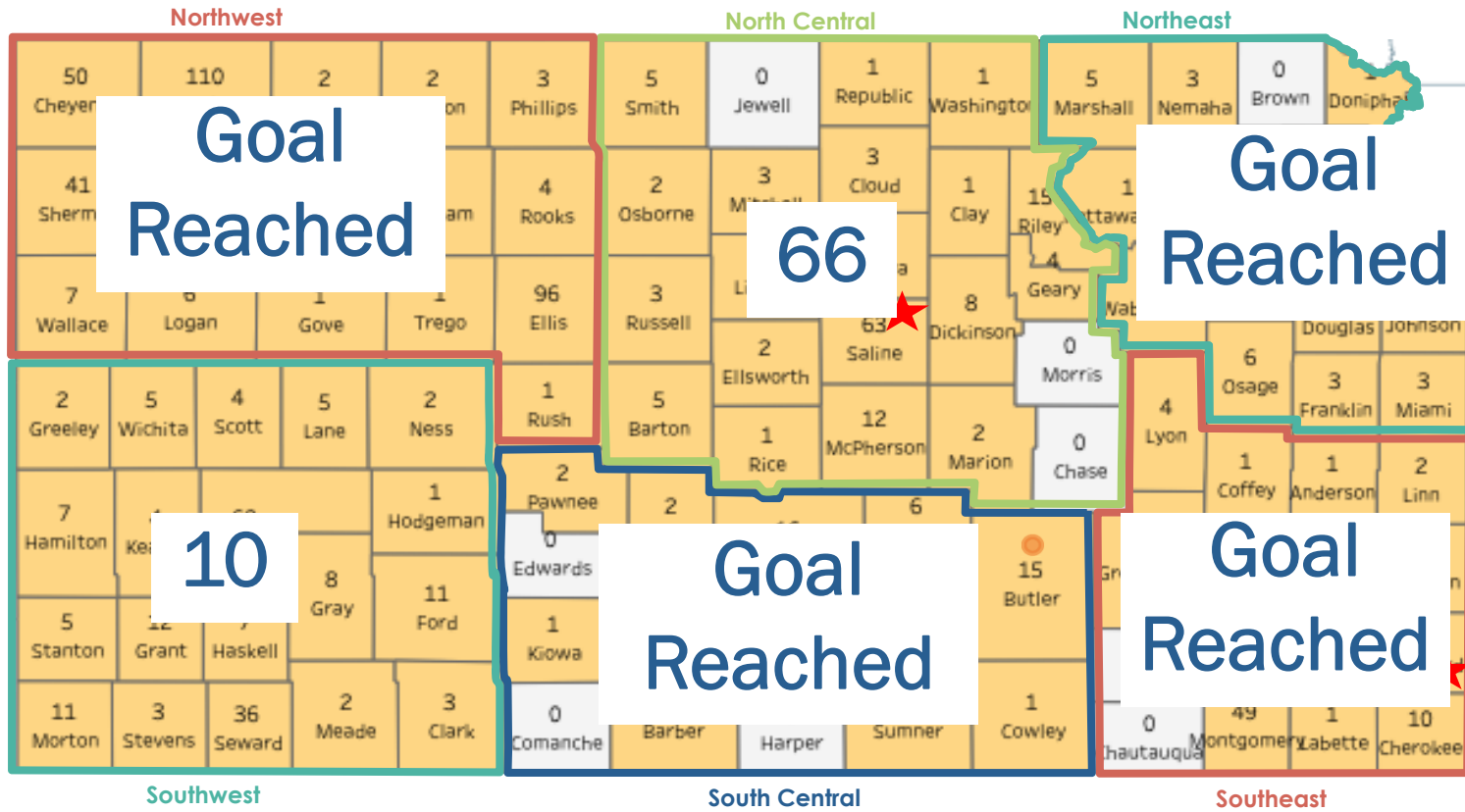


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REGIONAL SENSEMAKING WORKSHOPS

- ▶ Northwest:
Thursday, August 1
3:00 – 5:00pm
Prairie Museum of Art and History
1905 S Franklin Ave, Colby KS 67701
- ▶ Southwest:
Tuesday, July 30
2:30 – 4:30pm
High Plains Public Radio
210 N 7th Street, Garden City, KS
67846
- ▶ North Central (Salina): August 26
- ▶ South Central:
Friday, August 16
3:00 – 5:00pm
KCSL Wichita Offices
1365 N Custer St, Wichita, KS 67203
- ▶ Northeast (Kansas City OR Topeka): To
Be Confirmed



RSVP TODAY

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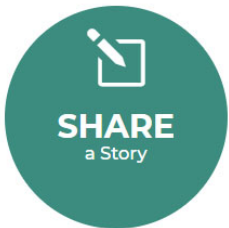
Every day, we hear stories of resilient families that have bounced back from great challenges.

Stories of hope...and stories of struggle. Through these stories we are gathering nuggets of wisdom about the ways in which things could, and should, be going better...to make **OUR TOMORROWS brighter.**



WELCOME TO OUR TOMORROWS

Explore all of the ways you can participate.



Join us for a Community Sensemaking Workshop

From March through August 2019, *Our Tomorrows* is hosting 10 – 15 Community Sensemaking Workshops across the state of Kansas to make sense of *Our Tomorrows* data and inform Community Action Labs. During the workshops, we will discuss assumptions, make sense of patterns, and uncover themes and opportunities for change.

First Name*

Last Name*

Email*

Organization*

If you will represent your organization, enter it here. If not, please write 'Community Member.'

Which Sensemaking session will you attend?*

-None-

What best describes your role?*

-None-

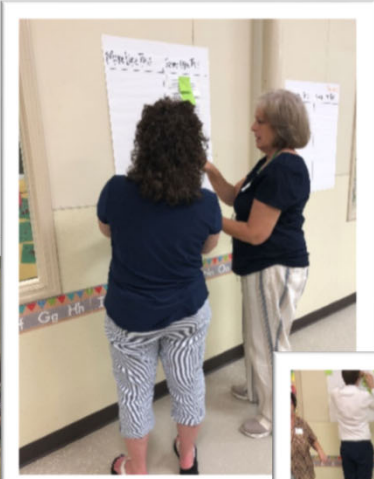
Please list any dietary restrictions or allergies

Submit

Reset

Entering your information here will also enroll you for updates about the project and opportunities to get further involved. You may opt out of emails in the future.

SENSEMAKING IN PITTSBURG



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- ▶ “Really got a feel for the true struggles the families are having in Southeast Kansas”
- ▶ “I was pleasantly surprised to see that families are so resilient in our community”
- ▶ “Gave me insight into where families are currently and what our kiddos are dealing with at home”



COMMUNITY ACTION LABS

- ▶ Finalizing the application process and materials
- ▶ Application window will be open early September
- ▶ Will update partners and Workshop participants via email



LOGISTICS

- ▶ Business Service Agreements
 - Send invoice to kleggers@ku.edu





NEXT STEPS

1. RSVP to attend your region's Community Sensemaking Workshop
2. Invite key stakeholders and decision-makers to your Region's workshop
3. (for partners) Complete the BSA and invoice process
4. Begin thinking of your Actionable!

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Statewide Needs Assessment

- ▶ Professional Development Survey
- ▶ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kspdsurvey>
- ▶ Open until July 26th for responses
- ▶ Please share with colleagues and partners!



**Over 650
Responses
So Far!**



Statewide Needs Assessment

- ▶ Needs Assessment Synthesis and Sharing - **Opportunity to hear overall synthesis and provide feedback or reactions**
- ▶ August Webinars
 - ▶ August 7
 - ▶ August 21
- ▶ Advisory Team Meeting
 - ▶ August 23

Maximize Parental Choice and Knowledge

- ▶ Link Kansas Family Engagement and Partnership Standards to evidence-based practices.





Why were the Standards created?

- Kansas Early Learning Standards (2006)
 - Approaches to Learning
 - Physical Health and Development
 - Social and Emotional Development
 - Communication and Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Creative Arts

Community:

Ready communities enable each child and family to live in a safe and stable environment that supports their healthy development and learning. Comprehensive, coordinated and accessible services meet the multiple needs of children and families. Communities embrace the concept of providing varied, quality experiences that prepare children for success.

Family:

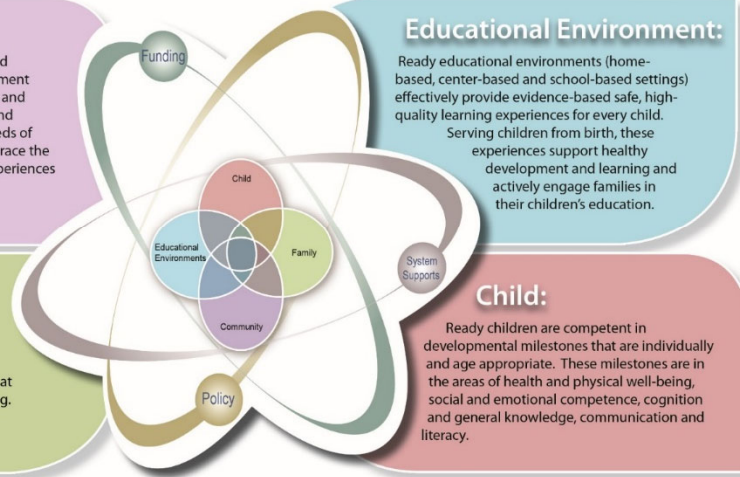
Ready families, in a variety of forms, serve as the primary foundation for their children. Ready families provide safe, stable and nurturing environments that promote healthy development and learning.

Educational Environment:

Ready educational environments (home-based, center-based and school-based settings) effectively provide evidence-based safe, high-quality learning experiences for every child. Serving children from birth, these experiences support healthy development and learning and actively engage families in their children's education.

Child:

Ready children are competent in developmental milestones that are individually and age appropriate. These milestones are in the areas of health and physical well-being, social and emotional competence, cognition and general knowledge, communication and literacy.



School Readiness Framework

State Need: Emphasis on Increased Family Engagement in Early Childhood

- Recipient of a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant
- 2 Goals:
- Development of Family Engagement and Partnership Standards for Early Childhood at the State level.
- Partner with 10 Kansas counties to engage families in their children's learning and development (birth-5).



Kansas Coalition for
Effective Family Engagement

Process

Reviewed research

- Harvard Family Research Project
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships

Reviewed examples of other EC standards

- The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework
- Hawaii Early Learning and Development Standards (HELDS)
- Maryland's Early Childhood Family Engagement Framework
- Massachusetts's Early Childhood Family Partnership Guideline

Presentations:

- Kansas K-12 Family Engagement Standards
- Early Learning Standards
- Head Start Family Engagement Framework
- Early Childhood Framework
- Strengthening Families: The Protective Factors Framework

Kansas Family Engagement and Partnership Standards for Early Childhood

- Families as...
- Foundation
- Communicators
- Advocates
- Partners
- Community Members





Families as **FOUNDATION**

All families are recognized and promoted as their child's first and most influential teacher.

- Families provide stability in daily experiences for their children
- Families provide nurturing environments for their children
- Families promote learning for their children
- Children have good physical health as appropriate for their development
- Children demonstrate developmentally appropriate growth and learning skills



Families as

COMMUNICATORS

Early childhood providers have effective and ongoing communication.

- Program and **family consistently initiate communication and share knowledge** that is timely and continuously facilitated through multiple methods.
- Practices supports and resources are **responsive to the cultural, ethnic, racial, language and socioeconomic characteristics and preference of families and their communities**



Families as **ADVOCATES**

Families actively engage as an advocate and **decision-maker** for their child.

- Families have opportunities that promote **informed options** and **decision-making**.
- Programs and communities engage families by **providing opportunities to be involved in program leadership and decision-making**.
- Programs and communities empower families to be **advocates**.
- Families are aware of resources for selecting and accessing needed services.



Families as **PARTNERS**

Successful partnerships exist between families and professionals based upon mutual trust and respect.

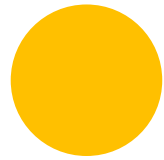
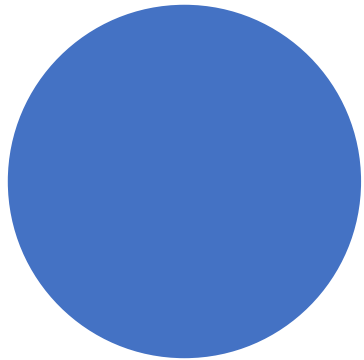
- Educational environments **actively engage** families in their children's education.
- Early childhood professionals **use child and family strengths as a basis for engaging families.**
- **Families promote learning** for their children.



Families as **COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Families are active participants in their communities and connect to resources and services.

- Comprehensive services are available, affordable, and accessible.
- Communities provide broad supports for families.
- Families live in safe and stable environments.



Sneak Peek...Best Practices





Families as Foundation

- Children experience a safe environment with continuity of care
 - Connect families with resources that enable basic necessities in a consistent home.
 - Encourage development of strong caregiver-child bonds that lead to consistent nurturing relationships with primary caregivers and other adults.
- Children's health care and nutritional needs are met
 - Promote the family's well-being to ensure children's health care and social-emotional needs are met.
 - Discuss and share resources to champion children's healthy activity and eating.
- Families practice effective, positive parenting behaviors
 - Encourage positive parent-child communication and relationships that include reading, talking and playing with their children daily.
 - Foster parental confidence in child development by promoting appropriate skills in communication, cognition, social-emotional, fine motor, gross motor and self-care.
 - Support families as lifelong educators of their children.

Maximize Parental Choice and Knowledge

- ▶ Support parent leadership.
- ▶ Grassroots advocacy sessions led by Parent Leaders.
- ▶ Next steps: Engaging community parents and scheduling training sessions.



Kansas Early Childhood Journey

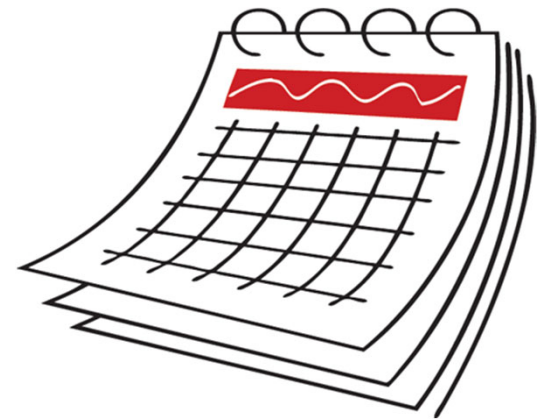
- ▶ Explore the timeline of moments and follow it to see where this journey began.
- ▶ All Community Engagement Sessions are now available!
- ▶ Moments include bright spots and aspirations!



Find the Kansas Early Childhood Journey here –
kschildrenscabinet.org/journey

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Meeting**
 - ▶ Friday, August 23rd -- 9:30am
 - ▶ Topeka Library
- ▶ **Advisory Team Meeting**
 - ▶ Friday, August 23rd -- 1:00pm
 - ▶ Topeka, Kansas Medical Society
- ▶ **Governor's Symposium on Early Childhood**
 - ▶ Monday and Tuesday, October 7
 - ▶ Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita, KS
- ▶ **Parent Leadership Conference**
 - ▶ November 15-16, 2019 @ Capitol Plaza Hotel – Topeka
 - ▶ Contact Pam Noble or visit www.kcsl.org for more information





What's Next?

- ▶ Needs Assessment Efforts Continue
 - ▶ Our Tomorrows Story Collection – **Help get to Zero Zeros!**
 - ▶ Community Engagement Sessions
 - ▶ Facilitation Efforts – Visioning Sessions or Focus Groups
 - ▶ Workforce Professional Development Survey
- ▶ Needs Assessment Synthesis and Report
 - ▶ Webinars in August
 - ▶ August 23rd Advisory Team Meeting
- ▶ Strategic Plan
 - ▶ Early Planning Stages for Governor's Symposium on Early Childhood - October 7, 2019 in Wichita. More details to come!

**Strengthening
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Thank you!!