



# The Kansas Early Childhood Journey

- 87 Site Visits
  - 1,451 Survey Responses
  - 2,279 Kansas Stories
  - 40 Visioning Sessions and Parent Cafes
  - 45 Needs Assessment Reports
  - 53 Community Engagement Sessions
- 6,000+ Voices**

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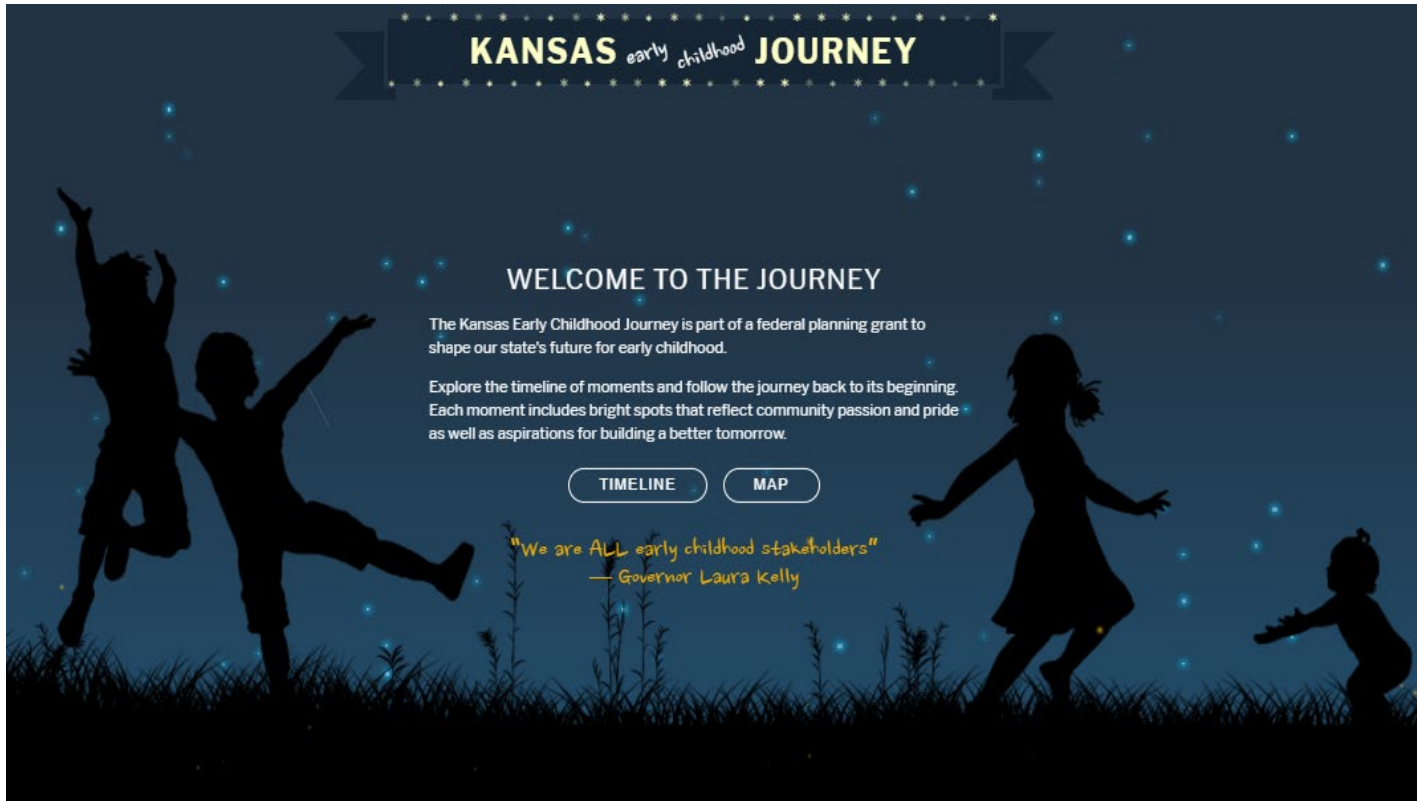
- 18 Webinars
- 22 Weekly Emails
- 7 Key Stakeholder Meetings
- Over 20 Presentations
- Over 8,300 Miles Traveled

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- View Moments of the Journey!
- Bright spots and Aspirations
- Add Your Hope Level!

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# Needs Assessment – Central Messages

The experiences of families with young children in Kansas are shaped by where they live, both across the regions of the state and within their communities.

Young children are growing up in families where basic needs are not being met.

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# Needs Assessment – Key Findings

Accessibility



Availability



Navigation



Collaboration



Workforce



Facilities



Systems  
Alignment



Bright Spots



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# Next Steps in Our Journey

To ensure we meet the needs, and position Kansas to give every child the best possible start in life ...

Focus on Sustainability

Ensure a Cross-Sector Approach

Align and Maximize Current Resources

Seize New Opportunities – Be Bold.

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# Aspirations for Our Strategic Plan

Kansas kids and families are stronger when their basic needs are met. **Strong Families**

Kansas kids and families thrive when they have equitable access to comprehensive health and developmental services. **Healthy Development**

Kansas kids are prepared for success in kindergarten and beyond when their families have equitable access to quality care and early learning environments. **Early Learning**



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# Aspirations for Our Strategic Plan

Kansas will lead the way in developing, supporting, and valuing early childhood professionals. **Workforce**

Kansas will empower and equip communities to create the best environments to raise a child. **Communities**

Kansas will align the early childhood care and education system for maximum impact. **Systems**

Kansas will champion innovation and create opportunities to invest in the future of Kansas kids. **Innovation**

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