

# All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening  
Early Childhood  
in Kansas

**WEBINAR** MARCH 11, 2020



# 2020 CENSUS

- Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Counting Young Children
- Visit the [Kansas Counts website](#) to learn more and get connected to resources.

Kansas Counts



# KINDERGARTEN READINESS SUMMIT

➤ **June 4, 2020 | Topeka, KS | Washburn University (Union Ballroom A)**

This summit will bring together communities who are at various stages in their process of developing smooth transitions from early childhood programs to kindergarten including:

- *Explorers* - Individuals who are interested in learning more about transition planning.
- *Pioneers* - Teams from communities who are in the early stages of a transition plan development process.
- *Developers* - Teams from communities who are well on their way with their plan development.
- *Activators* - Teams or representatives from communities who have a solid plan in place.

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**Save the Date**



# BACKGROUND

- *Why Kansas Needs a Strategic Plan for Early Childhood*
  - IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD
  - HISTORY AND MILESTONES
  - WHAT DO OUR YOUNGEST KANSANS NEED?
  - NEEDS ASSESSMENT KEY FINDINGS
  - OUR VISION AND MISSION
  - THE BLUEPRINT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

**Strategic Plan**



# ABOUT THIS PLAN

- *Our Methods, Contributors, Guiding Principles, and Impact*
  - HOW WAS THIS PLAN CREATED?
    - Planning Methods and Contributors
  - GUIDING PRINCIPLES
    - Child-and family-centered
    - Data-driven
    - Strengths-based
    - Equitable
    - Transparent and accountable
    - Transformative and dynamic
  - KEY DEFINITIONS AND FRAMEWORK

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# GOALS

- Goal 1: State-Level Coordination
- Goal 2: Community-Level Coordination
- Goal 3: Family Knowledge and Choice
- Goal 4: Private Sector Collaboration
- Goal 5: Capacity and Access
- Goal 6: Workforce
- Goal 7: Quality and Environments

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# WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

- *Success Statements for each Goal Area*
  - *Ex. Kansas businesses commit to implementing family-friendly workplace policies.*
- *Indicators and Measures for each Goal Area*
  - *To what extent are Kansas businesses family-friendly?*
    - *# of businesses that have earned KBC Goal, Silver, and Bronze level Breastfeeding Employee Support Awards.*



# THE PLAN IN ACTION

- *Governance, Implementation, and Updates*
  - CHILDREN'S CABINET LEADS THE CHARGE
  - CHANGEMAKERS AND CHAMPIONS
  - TIMELINE
  - RESOURCES TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN THIS JOURNEY

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# Feedback and Thoughts?

What ideas or actions do you have to help realize the vision for early childhood in Kansas?

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# EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- Cabinet as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care per Executive Order.
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel – Cabinet Approved Volunteers with Technical Expertise (meets monthly)
  - **Applications for Open Positions Due March 20, 2020**
    - Representative of local educational agencies
    - Representative of institutions of higher education
    - Representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services
    - Representative from Head Start agencies located in the State of Kansas, including migrant and seasonal Head Start programs and Indian Head Start programs
    - Parent of a young child currently receiving early childhood services from the state of Kansas
    - Other

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 25<sup>th</sup> – Kansas Head Start Association Early Learning Advocacy Day
- March 28<sup>th</sup> - Child Start Annual Conference - Camp GWC, Wichita.
- Friday, April 3, 2020 - Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Meeting
- Friday, April 3, 2020 - Early Childhood Stakeholder Team Meeting
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Readiness Summit in Topeka.

**Stay Connected**





# Thank you!

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