

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR MAY 20, 2020



WELCOME

- Our Tomorrows Story Link
- Strategic Plan
- State Agency Updates
- B-5 Preschool Development Grant – Renewal Grant Award

Webinar Agenda



SHARE YOUR STORY

- Thank You!!
 - More than 300 stories shared!
 - <https://ourtomorro.ws/KCCTF>
 - Story can be about you and your family, or someone you know and support.
 - Summary Scans – Weekly Emails

Our Tomorrows



EARLY CHILDHOOD STRATEGIC PLAN

➤ Goals (with Strategies, Tactics, and Indicators of Success)

- State-Level Coordination
- Community-Level Coordination
- Family Knowledge and Choice
- Private Sector Collaboration
- Capacity and Access
- Workforce
- Quality and Environments

➤ Available Online - Children's Cabinet Website <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/strategic-plan/>

Strategic Plan



KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- **Kansas Quality Network** - <https://ksqualitynetwork.org/>
 - Resources for the advancement, support and recognition of continuous quality improvement efforts in child care in Kansas
- **Temporary stipends and grants to assist child care providers**
 - Supply grants to assist with pandemic related expenses like gloves, disinfectants, soap and other necessary items.
 - Stipends to help pay for ongoing expenses like food, supplies, labor and rent/mortgage.
 - APPLY HERE: <https://ks.childcareaware.org/heroreliefprogram/>
- **COMING SOON:** Revenue replacement subsidies for DCF-enrolled child care providers and Emergency worker support bonuses

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<http://ksherorelief.com/>

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- **Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) - extended until May 29th**
 - Annual Benefit to help pay a portion of their home energy costs
 - Who qualifies:
 - Households with gross income at or below 130% of the federal poverty level
 - Adult in household must be the responsible party for purchasing the home heating energy for the residence
 - Household must meet citizenship or residency requirements
- **Apply Online: www.dcf.ks.gov** - Applications must be received by 5pm by 5/29 deadline. Written applications may be submitted, but must arrive at a DCF office by 5:00 p.m. on 5/29/2020.

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Income Eligibility Guidelines:
(# at the Address) - Max Gross Monthly Income

(1) - \$1,354	(2) - \$1,832
(3) - \$2,311	(4) - \$2,790
(5) - \$3,269	(6) - \$3,748

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

- **Child Care Licensed Capacity Exception** – Providers can temporarily exceed their licensed capacity by two additional school age children without prior approval (ages 5-11 years).
 - https://kdheks.gov/bcclr/child_care.html
- **Summer Camps Question** – KDHE-licensed programs can operate unless restricted by the health officer. If a building the program operates in is closed, permission from the local health officer and community building owner is required.
- **Updated Guidance Documents (Home Visiting, Licensed Child Care, etc.)**
 - <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>
- **Crisis Hotlines and Helplines**
 - <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1215/Kansas-Hotlines-Helplines-PDF---5-18-20>

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KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

➤ **Kansas State Board of Education Meeting:**

- Approved **All In For Kansas Kids** Strategic Plan
- Approved early childhood funding levels for next year. For the 2020-2021 school year, sufficient preschool-aged at-risk funding will be available to serve all 4-year-old students who meet at-risk criteria

➤ **Kansas Health Foundation and Sunflower Foundation Grant: Feeding Kansas Kids During COVID-19 – Summer Student Meals**

- Public school districts & nonprofit community partners currently signed up as Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Options (SSO) sponsors this summer are eligible - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FeedKSKids>

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KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND

- **Next Children's Cabinet Meeting** – Friday, June 5th
 - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (*virtual via Zoom*)
 - Register to Attend: <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/cabinet-meetings-and-minutes/>
- **Early Childhood Stakeholder's Group Meeting** – Friday, June 5th
 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm (*virtual via Zoom*)
 - Open to any early childhood champion!
 - RSVP by emailing Lindsay - lindsayorion@ku.edu
- **B-5 Preschool Development Grant – \$8.9 million award!**
 - Children's Cabinet is the grantee

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GOVERNOR ANNOUNCEMENT AND RESOURCES

- **Ad Astra: Re-Opening Plan – Entering Phase 2 on May 22nd**
 - Find details here - <https://covid.ks.gov/ad-astra-a-plan-to-reopen-kansas/>
- **KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center/Microsite**
 - Data, guidance, FAQs, helpful links - <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>
- **Press Conferences**
 - Governor Kelly and Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE/State Health Officer provide live updates and take questions from the media every **M-W-F at 2:00 pm.**
 - **Schedule change for this week:** Next briefing is May 21st at 2:00 pm.
 - View past press conferences online. <https://vimeo.com/showcase/6935373>

State Agency Updates



B-5 PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT - RENEWAL

➤ Grant History and Logistics

- B-5 PDG One-Year Planning Grant – awarded to KSDE in late December 2018
 - Funded statewide Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan
- B-5 PDG Renewal Grant Application – submitted November 2019
- Kansas received formal notification of Renewal Grant award – April 2020
- Children's Cabinet is the grantee - \$8.9 million/year, renewable for 2 more years (*pending Congressional appropriation*)
 - Funding focused on systems-building and infrastructure, not direct services

Systems Improvement



B-5 PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GRANT - RENEWAL

➤ The Kansas Approach and Key Considerations

- Sustainability where we can.
- Emphasis on:
 - Supporting infrastructure (governance system, workforce, communities)
 - Reducing burden for communities
 - Flexible funding for communities to design what works on the local level.
- Address the most pressing concerns from the Needs Assessment
- Serve vulnerable and underserved populations.
- Align with Early Childhood Strategic Plan

Systems Improvement



GRANT ACTIVITIES

- **Activity One: PDG B-5 Statewide Needs Assessment**
- **Activity Two: PDG B-5 Statewide Strategic Plan**
- **Activity Three: Maximizing Parent and Family Knowledge**
- **Activity Four: Sharing Best Practices and ECCE Workforce**
- **Activity Five: Improving the Overall Quality and Service Integration**
- **Activity Six: Monitoring, Evaluation and Data Use**

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ACTIVITY 3: MAXIMIZING PARENT AND FAMILY KNOWLEDGE

- **Summary:** Scale activities that result in connected families and connected communities, weaving Help Me Grow (HMG) core components into a systematic approach.
 - Improving Screening, Coordination and Navigation of Services
 - Meeting Needs of Families and Supporting Parent Engagement
- **Highlighted Activities:** 1-800-CHILDREN infrastructure, Bridges Pilot Project, parent leadership activities and stipends, support for Family Advisory Council, Kansas Care Coordinators, Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) scaling, DCF Resource Agent Pilot Project

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ACTIVITY 4: SHARING BEST PRACTICES; ECCE WORKFORCE

- **Summary:** Remove recruitment and advancement barriers and raise public awareness about the role of ECCE professionals.
 - Align PD and establish core competencies and career pathways
 - Implement a workforce registry
 - Promote evidence-based trainings and effective transitions
- **Highlighted Activities:** Workforce Coordinator position, scale Links to Quality, build workforce registry, explore articulation agreements, establish core competencies and career pathways, align existing PD, Transition and Workforce Summits

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ACTIVITY 5: IMPROVING QUALITY AND SERVICE INTEGRATION

- **Summary:** Quality Sub-grants awarded to communities, addressing 4 issues affecting our vulnerable and underserved children:
 - Lack of high-quality infant-toddler child care
 - Rural ECCE infrastructure challenges
 - Geographic differences and community-level coordination
 - Kindergarten Readiness and Transitions
- **Highlighted Activities:** Quality Sub-grants, pilot common application process, technical assistance for applying for sub-grants

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ACTIVITY 6: MONITORING, EVALUATION AND DATA USE

- **Summary:** Establish a Kansas Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) to ensure continuous quality improvement in early childhood programs.
 - Align, integrate and link data across our ECCE system to other sectors serving children and families.
- **Highlighted Activities:** Establish Data Trust Agreement that aligns ECIDS with workforce registry and establishes a culture of data-driven ethical decision-making.

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GRANT NEXT STEPS

- **Alignment with Strategic Plan Tactics and Priorities**
- **Establish Grant Implementation Support (positions, RFP development, etc.)**
- **Continuation from Planning Grant (ends 6/30/2020):**
 - 1-800-CHILDREN support
 - Links to Quality expansion
 - Screening Supports (Ages and Stages Questionnaire)

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CALENDAR – UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Webinar – June 3rd (12pm)
- Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund Meeting – June 5th (9am)
- Early Childhood Stakeholder Group Meeting – June 5th (1:30pm)
- Sign up for weekly emails – www.kschildrenscabinet.org

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LISTENING

- Questions?
- Child Care Providers - Contact your local surveyor for health and safety guidance; contact your surveyor or R&R for additional needs (e.g., supplies, training, etc.).
- General Questions, Ideas, Concerns – <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/share/>





Thank you!

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Share Updates and Questions

