

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR JULY 15, 2020



WELCOME

- Our Tomorrows Update
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel
- State Agency Updates
- Preschool Development Grant Updates (PDG B-5)
- Workforce Development Advisory Group Overview

Webinar Agenda



SHARE YOUR STORY

➤ 1,231 stories shared!

- Story Link: <https://ourtomorro.ws/KCCTF>
- Story can be about you and your family, or someone you know.

➤ Primary themes of latest stories shared relate to:

- Increased anxiety from both parents and education providers about school in the fall
- COVID-19 health and safety concerns across all income levels
- Stories about low employment and lack of opportunities

Our Tomorrows



KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

➤ **First Meeting – Friday, July 17th from 9:30am – 11:30am**

➤ **Public Engagement:**

- Link to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuUDoRljUEU&feature=youtu.be>
- Submit Open Forum Comments to Amanda Petersen (apetersen@ksde.org) by Thursday, July 16th at 9:30am.

➤ **Agenda**

- Overview of draft "Role, Norms, and Procedures of the Panel" document
- Discussion and Action: Role, Norms, and Procedures of the Panel
- Kansans' Open Forum - Written Comments
- Discuss future work of the Panel

**Early Childhood
Governance**



KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **State Board of Education Meeting - July 14**
 - Received, discussed, and acted on *Navigating Change 2020*, guidance for learning and school safety operations. Learn more at <https://www.ksde.org/>.
- **KSDE Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) Summer Leadership Conference for Administrators - July 27-30.** Live sessions – register at www.ksdetasn.org
- **Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council presents New Times, New Tools, New Teaching Virtual Conference – July 27-30**
 - Kansas virtual technical training for teachers that can be applied when creating, recording and producing video lessons from home for this school year. Learn the skills you'll need to produce high-quality videos to reach your diverse audiences -- students, families, staff and co-workers!
 - Register at <https://www.kpts.org/family/new-times-new-tools-new-teaching/>.

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➤ *Navigating Change 2020*

- Almost 1,000 Kansans – Teachers, Parents, Health Care Officials, Doctors, School Board Members, and many others gave of their time to provide the best guidance to schools, staff, students and families.
- Local school districts and communities will take this guidance and develop their own plan for their schools.
- The guidance document enables families to maximize their learning options within their local school district.

State Agency Updates



KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- **Hero Relief Program** - <http://ksherorelief.com/>
 - Deadline to apply for funding is **August 1st**.
 - Program Supports:
 - Supply Grants
 - Sustainability Stipends
 - Emergency Support Worker Bonuses
 - Revenue Replacement Subsidies (*not an open application; automatic for DCF-enrolled child care providers*)
 - Application Link: <https://ks.childcareaware.org/heroreliefprogram/>

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

➤ Newborn Screening COVID-19 Guidance

- Guidance was developed related to safe rescreen practices during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Guidance documents for families, physicians, and birthing facilities are available on the KDHE Newborn Screening website www.kdheks.gov/newborn_screening/.

➤ Part C tiny-k Program

- Received an Annual Determination of *Meets Requirements* from the Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in June.
- Strategic planning initiative for the statewide tiny-k system is underway; posting for public comment coming soon.
- Continuity of services has been critical as communities navigate the challenges of the pandemic; the program working successfully with Medicaid to ensure tiny-k programs are reimbursed for both face-to-face and tele visits.
- Referrals to tiny-k programs are up to 50% lower than previous years in some areas of the state. Local tiny-k programs are working to spread awareness to ensure families and children have access to needed services.

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

➤ Mental Health & Crisis Resources

- Available on the [KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center](#) including *Talking to Children and Adolescents about COVID-19* and *Maintaining Positive Mental Health During COVID-19*.
- A [Kansas Resource Guide](#) includes COVID-19, Mental Health, Substance Use, Anti-Violence, Parenting, Household, Agriculture, and Business/Legal resources.
- New FEMA Crisis Counseling Program – will support training, programming, and resources for Kansans impacted by COVID-19.
- The [Kansas: Stronger Together](#) resources, including an online media toolkit, are now available here: <http://ksready.gov/>.

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Systems Navigation Training for Families**

- Training for families who have a child with special health care needs
- Training will be offered regionally, as long as there are a minimum of 15 attendees registered (currently translating the curriculum into Spanish). Contact Kelly Totty, Special Health Care Needs Program Manager, at Kelly.Totty@ks.gov for more information.

➤ **Oral Health Resources Online Search Engine**

- In partnership with Oral Health Kansas (OHK), KDHE created an online oral health resources Search Engine <https://khap.kdhe.state.ks.us/c-f/oralhealthresources.html>.
- Quickly and easily search by media type, domain, language, and topic
- Access the training webinar here: https://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/integration_toolkits.htm.

State Agency Updates



KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND

➤ **New Cabinet Positions – Coming Soon**

- Early Childhood Workforce Coordinator
- Early Childhood Coordinator (Recommendations Panel Support)
- Early Childhood Specialist (general support across SP implementation)

➤ **SPARK Committee and CARES Act Funding to Communities**

- Early Childhood Champions are encouraged to connect with local County officials

➤ **August 7th Meetings – Links and RSVP Info on Children's Cabinet website**

- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Board Meeting (9am - 12pm)
- Early Childhood Stakeholder Group Meeting (1:30-3:30pm)

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KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND

➤ **Early Childhood Care and Education Workforce Registry**

- More information and an overview of what a registry is and how it can help support our workforce coming soon to a future webinar.

➤ **Common Application and Quality Enhancement Subgrants**

- Surveys, interviews, and focus groups to better understand experiences when applying for state funds
- Subgrant categories will be reflective of Needs Assessment findings and in-line with grant allowable activities
- Subgrant opportunities will be announced by end of September – stay tuned to these webinars and our weekly emails for more information and technical assistance opportunities

➤ **Kindergarten Readiness Summit – November 2020 (virtual)**

- September webinars will feature panelist discussions and preparation activities for communities leading up to the virtual summit. Stay tuned for more information!

PDG B-5 Renewal Grant





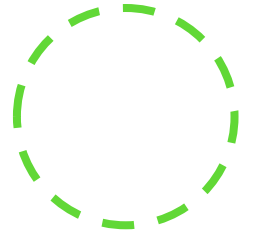
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The services include training and technical assistance statewide through two DCF funded contracts:

Workforce Development-provides professional development for the early childhood workforce

Infant Toddler Specialist Network- in partnership with KU-KITS.

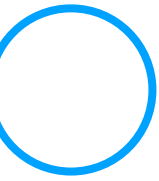
More information can be found at:
<https://kccto.org>



In response of the pandemic, KCCTO is supporting the workforce with:

- * Free Foundation Training required for all new providers (FCC, Center, etc.)
- *Free DCF Subsidy Training for providers contracting with DCF to access childcare subsidies for families
- *Funding to support annual Health & Safety in-service requirements.
- *Virtual Live KDHE approved training at no cost.

KCCTO online training has over 90 courses available on a rotating schedule, with the Foundation Training offered on a weekly basis.





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

For over a year, 40+ representatives from state and community agencies, 2-year and 4-year colleges, and childcare programs participate in regular meetings


Provide workforce recommendations to PDG State Directors Group

Current work is focused on
Goal 6 – Workforce
All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan





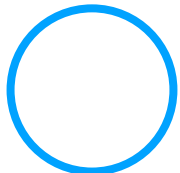
GOAL 6 - WORKFORCE



Strategy 6.1
Expand the number of professionals entering and remaining in the workforce.

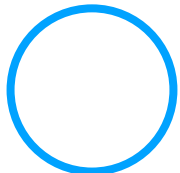
Strategy 6.2
Implement a high-quality, competency-based professional development system.

Strategy 6.3
Support diversity, equity, and inclusion in the early childhood care and education workforce.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP FOCUS AREAS

Workforce Registry	Career Pathways (and Core Competencies)	Professional Development
<p>National Registry Alliance https://www.registryalliance.org/</p>	<p>Indiana, Iowa, New Mexico, New York and Wisconsin</p>	<p>Coordination of approved in-service</p>
<p>State Director Determinations: Who is the workforce? Will participation be mandatory? Who will "own" the data system?</p>	<p>Critical piece of workforce registry</p>	<p>Training and Trainer Approval</p>
<p>Focus of this group is the components of a statewide registry</p>	<p>Recruit and Retain Workforce</p>	<p>Professional Development Tracking and Verification</p>



TOPICS NEEDED

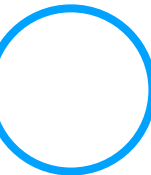
Emergency response guidelines for positive tests with staff, children and families

Add to current training content information on COVID-19, adverse trauma, supporting diversity, equity and inclusion

Advocate and provide continued training on attachment, social emotional development and response to challenging behaviors

Trauma informed care and childcare business practices

- Introduction and use of IPDPs





NEXT MEETING-
JULY 24, 2020, 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US! CONTACT LINDA LOGAN
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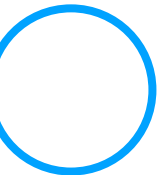
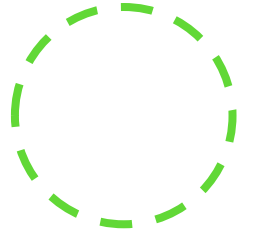


THANK YOU!

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Share Updates and Questions

