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Hi Amanda:

Thanks so much for hosting the Kansas Early Childhood Systems-Building Webinar. It was amazing to hear from so many different agency representatives that have a unified vision for work supporting young children and families.

I wanted to share a couple of items for the open forum portion at the next governance meeting if that's ok! Additionally, we are hosting a webinar on a topic that we've heard is so important to many providers if you are interested in sharing it with your colleagues/network. Below are all the headlines:

For the forum announcement:

LENA Start Launch Funds:

Build school readiness, close the “talk gap,” and strengthen families with parent-group classes. LENA Start is an evidence-based community program designed to engage families and help them learn how to increase conversation with their children during the first few years of life. Our new curriculum can be delivered completely virtually or with a hybrid of in-person/virtual. Learn more about what families are saying in this [quick video](#). We know that mitigating the impact of Covid for families means finding ways to support them – and through generous funders – we have grants that will cover the costs of launching the programming for the first two years. Learn more about the [launch funds opportunity here](#), or reach out to Sisi Dong Brinn, sisi@lena.org, for more information!

Webinar learning opportunity:

Building culturally responsive, strengths-based programming across languages: Approaches from Denver and New Zealand

July 21st, 2:00 p.m. mountain/4:00 p.m. Eastern

In this webinar, we will hear from program leads in the United States and New Zealand about the approaches they have used to build culturally and linguistically responsive programming. Working through this lens, their programs are building community and a holistic foundation of support for the children and families they serve. [Register here](#). If you can't make it to the webinar, we are also sharing stories on our blog, including [this one from Pedro Mendez](#) (Denver Public Library, birth to 3 programming) or this [one from Emma Quigan](#) (COMET Auckland).

I appreciate all that you and your team does!

Thanks!
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