All In For Kansas Kids

Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
KINDERGARTEN READINESS – WELCOME!

- **Opening Keynote** – Dr. Deborah Bergeron, Director of the Office of Head Start

- **Panel Showcase** – Garden City, KS (Mary Martha Good, KCSL Head Start Director; Dr. Steve Karlin, Garden City Schools Superintendent; and Lona DuVall, Finney County Economic Development Council Director)

- **Star Quality Enhancement Information** – Amanda Petersen, Early Childhood Director for Kansas State Department of Education

- **How to attend 11/13 Summit** – Peggy Kelly, Executive Director of Kansas Head Start Association

Webinar Agenda
Kansas
Kindergarten Transition Summit
September 9, 2020
Dr. Deborah Bergeron, Director
Why do transitions matter?

• Research indicates that early gains made in preschool may fade as children move through the early elementary grades (Puma et al., 2012)

• Kindergarten teachers indicate 48% of children have at least “some problems” with transition. (Rimm-Kaufman, Pianta, & Cox, 2000)

• Direct meetings between Head Start and kindergarten teachers predicted higher language skills in kindergarten. The findings suggest that coordination practices undertaken by Head Start may play a compensatory role for children when the elementary schools are less engaged in transition practices. (Cook & Coley, 2019).

• Family involvement in PreK and kindergarten is associated with positive outcomes in children’s self-regulation, cooperation, and peer interactions; higher performance in language and math; and lower rates of high school dropout (Rimm-Kaufman, Pianta, Cox, & Bradley, 2003; Barnard, 2004; McWayne, Hampton, Fantuzzo, Cohen, & Sekino, 2004).
Early Education/Head Start
Transitions and Equity:
*Is there a connection?*
Equality

The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is equal treatment.

Kindergarten Registration Orientation Day

Equity

Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of “affirmative action”), thus producing equity.

School Liaisons
Home Visits
Family Outreach
DLL Programming
Summer Transition Programs

Justice

All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

Coordinated Enrollment (ECE)
Data Sharing
Curriculum Alignment
Shared PD
Continued Comprehensive Svcs
How do we take ‘transition’ to the next level?
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**Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework**

**Positive & Goal-Oriented Relationships**

- Equity, Inclusiveness, Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness

**Program Foundations**

- Program Leadership
- Professional Development
- Continuous Learning and Quality Improvement

**Program Impact Areas**

- Program Environment
- Family Partnerships
- Teaching and Learning
- Community Partnerships
- Access and Continuity

**Family Outcomes**

- Family Well-being
- Positive Parent-Child Relationships
- Families as Lifelong Educators
- Families as Learners
- Family Engagement in Transitions
- Family Connections to Peers and Community
- Families as Advocates and Leaders

**Child Outcomes**

- Children are:
  - Safe
  - Healthy and well
  - Learning and developing
  - Engaged in positive relationships with family members, caregivers, and other children
  - Ready for school
  - Successful in school and life
What could this look like in public schools?

*Radical* Family Engagement!

- All families welcome – judgement free zone.
- Home visiting becomes a norm.
- Schools consider *family* needs.
  - Know them (family assessment)
  - Identify them
  - Provide for them
- Parents feel empowered; school lets go a little.
- Parents* serve in leadership positions in the school/school system.
  - Replicate Policy Council at Head Start
  - Participate in major decision making
    - Hiring
    - Curriculum
    - Budget
Head Start is access to the American Dream!

Go make dreams happen!
EDUCATION is access to the American Dream!

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Purpose:
- To expand and support the implementation of the Head Start – public school collaboration work throughout the state by holding a Kindergarten Readiness Summit. The goal is to bring together teams of school districts and Head Start programs from at least 10 school districts in Kansas. This collaboration will help to sustain and improve gains children make during Head Start through building strong, effective relationships between Head Start and receiving schools.

Goals:
- Identify examples of effective kindergarten readiness practices, including strategies to support smooth transitions to kindergarten.
- Expand and enhance relationships between all early childhood programs and school districts to support kindergarten readiness.
- Provide tools, supports and information to strengthen kindergarten readiness.
USD 457-GARDEN CITY & KANSAS CHILDREN’S SERVICE LEAGUE

KANSAS COLLABORATION

• MARY MARTHA GOOD, KCSL HEAD START DIRECTOR

• DR. STEVE KARLIN, GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

• LONA DUVALL, FINNEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL DIRECTOR
WIG:
IMPROVE STUDENT AND FAMILY SUCCESS IN TRANSITION FROM HEAD START TO KINDERGARTEN THROUGH INCREASED PROGRAM COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION EFFORTS

- Shared Family Engagement Opportunities
- Shared Health Data
- Shared Professional Development
- Ongoing Data Monitoring
OUR CHILD AND FAMILY COLLABORATION EVENTS

Music and Movement Classes

Winter Celebration

Give the Gift! 10 Fulfilling Ways to Raise a Lifetime Reader

No Small Matter Viewing
Health Collaboration

Shared health information on 100% of all co-located students

- District and HS staff collaborating for health and wellness goals
  - Common files
    - Immunization
    - Chronic Health Conditions
    - Emergency Contact Info
    - Medication Administration
Addressing Challenging Behaviors

Teaching Phonological Awareness

Sensorimotor Curriculum in the Classroom

SHARED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Data Tracking – USD 457 and KCSL Head Start will begin tracking outcomes associated with increased collaboration efforts starting with the 2020-2021 kindergarten cohort and each year from there on. We will gather ongoing information regarding the success of Head Start children by tracking the following:

- Achievement Data
- Social/Emotional Health
- Attendance
- Behavior Referrals
LITTLE LONGHORNS

Working together to create a sustainable change in Rural Kansas
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QUALITY ENHANCEMENT SUBGRANTS

GOAL: Improve school district ratings for Kindergarten Readiness in the Kansans Can Star Recognition Program

$250,000 in total funding available; Max grant award - $25,000

Applications open – September 16, 2020

Applications are DUE – October 19, 2020

More information and the application link – https://kschildrenscabinet.org/all-in-for-kansas-kids-subgrants/

Resources for Transitions

Funded by the Preschool Development Birth Through Five Renewal Grant
QUALITY ENHANCEMENT SUBGRANTS

- **Identify a community team** of six to 10 members (which must include the superintendent or a senior member of the district leadership team, the Head Start director (if applicable), either a child care center director or family child care provider, and a parent or family representative)

- **Select priority areas.** Options include: eligibility qualifiers for recognition, community partnerships, quality evidence-based learning, quality workforce, health and safety, inclusion, and transitions into Kindergarten

- **Identify community-level strategies** (e.g. joint professional development, community-wide implementation of curriculum, screening, or assessment tools, focused transition activities)

- **Participate in the Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Summit** (virtual, November 2020) and develop 30-60-90 day action plans.

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NOVEMBER SUMMIT – HOW TO REGISTER

Register Online: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KTransitionSummit

Identify your Community Team

Registration Questions:

- Experience of planning Team
- Status of Transition Plan
- What Resources would be most helpful
- If planning has started, what shared beliefs and goals are guiding the work?
WHAT’S NEXT

- Kindergarten Readiness Subgrant Application Opens – September 16th
- September 23rd Webinar (12pm):
  - Opening Speaker – Melissa Rooker, Executive Director Children’s Cabinet
  - NY Head Start School Readiness Plan – Colleen Butler
  - New America community examples – Mary Baskett
  - Part C/Bridges - Kelli Marks, FAC Parent, and Head Start Parent
- Register for the November Summit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KTransitionSummit

Kindergarten Readiness
Thank you!

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Share Updates and Questions