



Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020





Welcome & Approval of Minutes

KIM MOORE, CHAIR





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GREG KINDLE

**WYANDOTTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL**



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Will continue to meet virutally until further notice.

- December 4, 2020

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2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- February 5
- **April 2 (April 9)**
- June 4
- August 6
- October 1
- December 3

** Easter April 4*

FORMAL VOTE

- Motion
- Second
- Vote

- LeEtta Felter
- DiAnne Owen Graham
- Deliece Hofen
- Rep. Monica Murnan
- Terri Rice
- Dr. Tyler Smith
- Sen. Dinah Sykes
- John Wilson
- Cabinet Chair, Kim Moore

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Director's Update & CARES Act Update

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UPDATE

Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

- **Round 1** – Support to Kansas Counties (relief decisions made at local levels)
- **Round 2** – State Agency-led Initiatives (statewide relief)
 - Child Care Health Consultant Network
 - Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund
 - Technologies for Families Fund (*administered by the Children's Cabinet*)
- **Round 3** – Focus on Public Health, Essential Needs & Services, Business Resiliency and Workforce Supports
 - Business Resiliency & workforce support – Remote Learning Grants (*administered by the Children's Cabinet*) help ensure Kansas families can balance remote learning & school day safety of their children with employment obligations

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REMOTE LEARNING GRANTS

Funding Goals:

- Address the urgent need to give families options when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.
- Ensure school-age children are in safe, secure settings during the school day.
- Ensure school-age children engage in remote learning – with appropriate internet access and learning supports – when schools are in hybrid/remote learning modes.

**Wednesday, September 30th – Application OPEN
with a rolling deadline**

Award: \$40 Million

- Distribute to provider organizations (KDHE-licensed early care and youth programs / facilities and local programs with demonstrated experience delivering care YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, faith-based organizations).

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<https://allinforkansaskids.org>

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACTION

KCCTF Recommendations (June 5, 2020)

- Dedicate funding to address technology disparities in rural Kansas through policy and infrastructure initiatives. **SPARK Round 2 – Technology for Families \$1.5 million**
- Provide ongoing support to child care providers to ensure they can remain open and able to provide safe care and healthy environments for children.
- **SPARK Round 2 – CCHC & Health Fund for Essential Workers \$8.4 million combined**

KCCTF Recommendations (August 7, 2020)

- Given the ongoing pandemic conditions, the Cabinet recommends educators and early childhood providers in all settings focus on elevating family engagement, supporting access to services and programs that help families meet their basic needs, and providing social-emotional supports to promote resilience. **SPARK Round 3 - \$40 million Remote Learning Grants**

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All In for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan and PDG B-5 Renewal Grant

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ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS STRATEGIC PLAN

- **Quality Enhancement Subgrants**

- \$1.7 Million for 5 areas focused on Child Care Access for Target Populations, Rural Child Care, Connecting Families to Services, Kindergarten Readiness, and Quality Improvements. Application open – September 16th through October 19th

- **Kansas Common Application Pilot**

- **ECIDS Update**

- **1-800-Children**

- **Workforce Registry and Supports**

- **Links 2 Quality**

PDG-Renewal Grant



<https://kschildrenscabinet.org/all-in-for-kansas-kids-subgrants/>



Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

AMANDA PETERSEN, CHAIR



ROLE OF THE KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel is an advisory group to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund.
- Meeting materials are posted at <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings/>.



**State-Level
Coordination**

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE STATE'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Licensed child care providers are key partners as schools operate in remote or hybrid learning environments.
- Policy responses (like the Kansas Hero Relief program and federal Families First Coronavirus Relief Act) have provided critical relief, but will soon expire while needs continue.
- Access to health care and paid leave for both providers and families supports health and safety in early childhood settings.
 - *Follow up for Panel staff: What policies can support child care providers in accessing paid leave?*

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE STATE'S COVID-19 RESPONSE CONT

- Hopefully, the pandemic will elevate the importance of early childhood for our society and improve both public and private investments.
- Coordination and collaboration is essential at the state and local levels.
- Medicaid has expanded the use of reimbursement codes to include telemedicine, increasing the ability of Part C providers to claim reimbursement for services provided in a virtual environment in response to the pandemic, which has increased access to care during quarantine and social distancing.
- Supply chain challenges for child care providers remain a concern, especially in rural parts of the state.

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“GOOD BEGINNINGS LAST A LIFETIME” CAMPAIGN

Panel members discussed current practices to recruit, recognize, and retain child care providers.

- Professional organizations create opportunities to network with peers.
- How can local chambers of commerce support early childhood care and education providers in their communities?
- The [Kansas Power of the Positive Coalition](#) offers resources to make the business case for developing safe, stable, nurturing relationships & environments.

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*Every child in Kansas deserves a safe,
healthy and nurturing environment...*

**Good Beginnings Last
a *Lifetime***



KANSAS WORKFORCE REGISTRY

All in for Kansas Kids Strategy 6.1:

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

- **Tactic 6.1.4:** Launch a workforce registry for early childhood care and education professionals to access, track, and guide career advancement.



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KANSAS COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND WORKGROUPS WITH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD FOCUS INCLUDE

- Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel
- Workforce Development Advisory Group
- Kansas Power of the Positive Coalition
- Child Care Systems Improvement Team
- Family Advisory Council
- State Interagency Coordinating Council
- State Home Visiting Leadership Group
- Kansas Maternal Child Health Council
- Links to Quality Advisory Group
- Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council's Children's Subcommittee
- Family First/Kansas Strong Statewide Interagency Advisory Board
- Governor's Council on Education – Early Childhood Subcommittee
- Professional Associations

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KANSAS COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, AND WORKGROUPS WITH AN EARLY CHILDHOOD FOCUS FOLLOW UP

- *Follow up for Panel staff:*
Consider how to pull information regarding Kansas councils, committees, and workgroups with an early childhood focus together into a resource that can be shared with early childhood stakeholders.



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NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- The October meeting will focus on transitions into Kindergarten.
- A Kindergarten Readiness Workgroup has been developing a template community-level memorandum of understanding and accompanying activity worksheet.

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Ex-Officio Reports



EX-OFFICIOS

- Amanda Petersen
 - Kansas State Department of Education Designee
- Amy Meek
 - Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
- Kenyan Wall
 - Kansas Supreme Court Justice
- Rebekah Gaston
 - Kansas Department for Children and Families Designee
- Dr. Karla Wiscombe
 - Kansas Board of Regents Designee

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