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Kansas Kids

Kansas Early Childhood Stakeholder Group Meeting

OCTOBER 2, 2020
Welcome and Bright Spots
Agenda

- General Updates
- Response to COVID19
- Workforce Registry Updates
- Glossary Breakout Activity
Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

- The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel is an advisory group to the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund.

- Panel meeting conversations have focused on the following:
  - Covid 19 challenges/responses/discussions
  - Collaboration with existing local, state agencies and organizations to move our work forward
  - Development of a resource directory to be used in these collaborative efforts
General Updates

Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

- Elevating the importance of the early childhood profession to our society, hopefully leading to the development of public and private investments
  - Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime – Recruitment / Recognition / Retention of workforce
  - Kansas Power of the Positive – Resources to build relationships within our Chambers and business communities to bring recognition/respect to the value of early childhood programs http://www.kansaspowerofthepositive.org/
GENERAL UPDATES

➤ Kindergarten Transitions Work Group (Sub-group of Recommendations Panel)

- Bring a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template, focused on successful Kindergarten Readiness Transitions, to the Recommendations Panel.

- To be used as a tool for users to implement if and how they choose.

- Two subgroups formed to complete project:
  - MOU Template group
  - Worksheet group
    - Create a document as an addendum to be used as a tool to implement their MOU
GENERAL UPDATES

- Kindergarten Transitions Work Group
  - Next Meeting is 10/08 at 8:00 am
  - Virtual Kindergarten Readiness Summit in November 13, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
**GENERAL UPDATES**

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

- **Phase 1** – Support to Kansas Counties (relief decisions made at local levels)
- **Phase 2** – State Agency-led Initiatives (statewide relief) $9.9 million total
  - Child Care Health Consultant Network
  - Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund
  - Technologies for Families Fund (*administered by the Children’s Cabinet*)
- **Phase 3** – Focus on Public Health, Essential Needs & Services, Business Resiliency and Workforce Supports $40 million
  - **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
GENERAL UPDATES

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 OPENS 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. YMCA’s, Boys & Girls Clubs, faith-based organizations).
• What is a Registry?
  o An early childhood workforce registry system streamlines professional development data collection and serves as a comprehensive data repository for industry training and education

• What does a registry do?
  o Promotes individual professional growth and development (professional development system)
  o Captures data about early childhood and out of school time practitioners in a variety of roles and settings
  o Is based on state career-level systems that provide a framework for professional development (The Alliance, 2018)
What does a registry do?

- Recognizes and honors professional achievements of the early childhood and school age workforce
- Informs policy makers and partners
Common Components
- Professional Development Information System (PDIS)
  - Career pathways and lattices
  - Document management
  - Professional development plan
- Learning Management System (LMS)
  - Training calendar with verification capabilities
  - Online event registration
  - Trainer/Trainee profiles
  - Core knowledge areas and competencies
- Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
  - Maintains regulatory data
  - Provides robust data about ECE workforce
  - Contributes to policy discussions surrounding benefits, pay, and workforce initiatives
Workforce Registry and the National Alliance of Workforce Registries

- 43 of 50 states are Alliance members
- Partnership Eligibility Review (PER)
  - Bare minimum data requirements to participate in national policy conversations
  - Establishes data standards within a Workforce Registry
  - Baseline of what a Registry should be, essential framework
- 16 state/regional registries have achieved PER
- Kansas Early Systems Building Webinar on 10/21, special presenter is Executive Director of the Alliance Kimberlee Belcher-Badal Ph. D.

Link to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlc-CopjMqOnOMEPp_x65uZ7jbyq4Q-w
BREAKOUT INSTRUCTIONS

➤ Meeting host will assign you to a breakout group, 1-10
➤ Each group should designate a scribe
➤ Work together to create definitions for each of your group’s terms
➤ Definitions should be created through the lens of Early Childhood and potentially a Workforce Registry for Early Childhood
➤ At the end of the breakout session, the designated scribe will e-mail your group’s list of definitions to Hannah McGahey hmcgahey@ksde.org
➤ Remember to use provided definitions from the Strategic Plan if that is helpful
Requests for future agenda items:

- Ideas / Discussion
- Is there a specific date/timeframe for the proposed agenda item?
- Send request to: Brea Cudney, bcudney@ksde.org
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Upcoming Meetings

- Recommendations Panel: October 16 – 9:00 a.m. via Zoom (third Fridays of the month beginning at 9:00 a.m.)
  - Link to register https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlc-CopjMgOnOMEPp_x65uZ7jbyq4Q-w
- Kansas Early Systems Building Webinar on 10/21, special presenter is Executive Director of the Alliance, Kimberlee Belcher-Badal Ph. D.
  - Kindergarten Readiness Summit: November 13, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
    - https://kschildrenscabinet.org/kindergarten-readiness-summit-2020/
  - Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund:
    December 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. / Stakeholders Group 1:30 – 3 p.m.
    All meetings will be held virtually until further notice

Stay Connected
Thank you!

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