

All In For 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**



GENERAL UPDATES

➤ 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

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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/>

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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

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➤ 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.

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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

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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

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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).

GENERAL UPDATES- WORKFORCE REGISTRY

- **What is a Registry?**

- 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?**

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

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GENERAL UPDATES-WORKFORCE REGISTRY CONT.

➤ What does a registry do?

- Recognizes and honors professional achievements of the early childhood and school age workforce
- Informs policy makers and partners

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GENERAL UPDATES-WORKFORCE REGISTRY CONT.

➤ 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

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GENERAL UPDATES

➤ 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

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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

Breakout Groups



FUTURE AGENDA IDEAS?

- 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

Let Us Know!



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.)
- 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
- 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

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