

All In For Kansas Kids



Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2021



WELCOME

Thank you for serving Kansas children, their families, and our state's early childhood care and education professionals!

This is a remote meeting.

- Today's meeting materials are posted on the [Panel Meetings webpage](#) on the Children's Cabinet site.
- Panel members will clearly identify themselves when they begin speaking.
- Panel members can use the "raise hand" feature to show they are ready to share.



TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome, approval of agenda and January 15, 2021 meeting minutes
- Kansans' Open Forum
- Follow-up from previous meetings
- Kindergarten Transitions Memorandum of Understanding Toolkit Dissemination Plan / Documents
- Kansas Power of the Positive
- Family Engagement
- *All in for Kansas Kids* Needs Assessment Update
- 10:05 – Break (10 minutes)
- Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Feedback Session
- Requests for future agenda items, Bright Spots and Upcoming meetings



ACTION ITEMS:

Panel members - please clearly identify yourself when you begin speaking to make and second a motion.

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of January 15, 2021 meeting minutes



KANSANS' OPEN FORUM

Kansans may email Debbie Deere (ddeere@ksde.org) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, to share written comments or to sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during this portion of the meeting.



OPEN FORUM COMMENTS – KANSAS BREASTFEEDING COALITION

- Brenda Bandy, Co-Executive Director of the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, will make comments regarding:
 - The important role breastfeeding plays in the early childhood continuum and specifically how breastfeeding ties into the goals of the “*All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan*”.
 - **Invitation to Panel** to attend the **Early Childhood Systems-Building webinar next Wednesday, February 24 from 12-1** for a comprehensive presentation of how breastfeeding is being integrated into the early childhood field in Kansas and how we can expand and enhance those efforts.





FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS



FOLLOW-UP FROM JANUARY MEETING

- Strategies for Engaging Providers Workgroup Update
 - 1st meeting was held in January – 2nd meeting on February 22
 - Conversations around what the priorities for this group will be
 - Connecting with providers to establish a working relationship
 - Ask the question: **“What do you want this group to know?” – Disseminate this question to provider groups through the early childhood network**



FOLLOW-UP FROM JANUARY MEETING

- #KSBeatsTheVirus videos
 - [#KSBeatsTheVirus video link - English](#)
 - [#KSBeatsTheVirus video link - Spanish](#)



#KSBEATSTHEVIRUS



Be A Superhero!



FOLLOW-UP FROM JANUARY MEETING

- Facebook profile picture frame



FOLLOW-UP FROM JANUARY MEETING

- Emphasis on doing work, rather than hearing presentations during meetings.
- This group has been helpful in making connections with others in the early childhood field at local and state levels.
- Joined to “bridge the gap” between systems work and providers. Seeing progress being made on this.
- The virtual format of the meetings is helpful for members who live a long distance to participate more easily.



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITIONS

PEGGY KELLY

- Present and review the introductory documents that will be added to the Memorandum of Understanding Toolkit.
- Request of Panel members to disseminate the toolkit throughout their early childhood networks.
- <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/mou-toolkit/>



KANSAS POWER OF THE POSITIVE

GAIL COZADD

Explanation and request of Panel members to identify 3 specific employers to conduct the Kansas Power of the Positive employee survey for grant years ending 2021 and 2022.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

HEATHER SMITH

- *Presentation will provide a brief overview of efforts to strengthen family engagement at a statewide level.*
- *Discuss an upcoming opportunity for Panel members to participate.*



ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE – SARA GARDNER

*The Panel will share feedback to inform an update to the
2019 Kansas Early Childhood Systems Building Needs
Assessment*





BREAK



*The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations
Panel will return following a ten minute break.*



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Public Input Sessions
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF)





CCDF Purpose

CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Helps low-income families access child care through **child care assistance** programs
- Enhances the **quality** of child care for all children





CCDF Plan

2022-2024

- Establishes, extends, or expands policies around parent eligibility for assistance and provider payment
- Recurring 3-year plans are the basis for federal CCDF dollars from the Office of Child Care





CCDF Partnerships

ENGAGING VOICES ACROSS KANSAS

- CCDF is administered through the **Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)**
- DCF is working closely with other early childhood care and education partners to gather information, seek new opportunities, and align with the ***All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan***





CCDF Planning Process

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

- Public input sessions
- Electronic form to address any or all sections of the draft plan
- Targeted follow-up and stakeholder discussions throughout plan preparation



CHILDREN'S CABINET WEBSITE

How can I provide feedback?

- Public input sessions (dates/times below)
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Preview the draft CCDF plan

View the **current version**

Public Input Sessions

These sessions are your opportunity to learn more about specific sections of the [draft CCDF Plan](#) and to offer your perspective on needs and potential solutions.

FEBRUARY 10, 12-1 P.M.

FEBRUARY 19, 9-11:30 A.M.

FEBRUARY 19, AFTERNOON

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CCDF Plan Discussion

PLAN SECTIONS/AREAS OF FOCUS



7 SECTIONS in the draft plan

- Leadership and Coordination
- Family Engagement and Consumer Education
- Financial Assistance to Families
- Equal Access
- Ensuring Health and Safety Policies
- **Workforce Recruitment & Retention**
- **Continuous Quality Improvement**

WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Cohesive statewide plan to recruit and retain a qualified and effective child care workforce

- Professional development framework
- Training and professional development requirements
- Supporting and training CCDF providers with Quality funds
- Early learning and developmental guidelines, standards

Section 6



DISCUSSION

- **Workforce:** Cohesive statewide plan to recruit and retain a qualified and effective child care workforce
 - What's going well?
 - What barriers and challenges do we have?
 - What is no longer needed?
 - What could be possible to change via a successful 3-year plan?

Section 6



CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Support continuous quality improvement to address state-specific needs and increase family choice

- Quality Recognition Improvement System (QRIS), statewide implementation
- Improving the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers
- Child care resources and referrals, consumer education
- Facilitating compliance with state standards
- Providing accreditation support
- Evaluating and assessing quality and effectiveness of programs and services

Section 7



DISCUSSION

- **Quality:** Measurable quality efforts addressing state-specific needs
 - What's going well?
 - What barriers and challenges do we have?
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

Requests for future agenda items

- Is there a specific date/timeframe for this item?

Bright Spots – *Panel members are invited to share*

Upcoming Meetings (all via Zoom):

- Strategies for Engaging Providers Workgroup: February 22, 6:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel: March 19, 9:00 a.m. (Third Fridays of the month, 9:00-11:30 a.m.)





Adjournment

