

# KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 19, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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## AGENDA

8:40 a.m.

### **(Optional) Virtual Coffee Chat**

Panel members will have the option to join the meeting Zoom at 8:40 to connect informally and build relationships with fellow Panel members in small breakout rooms. Panel members will not discuss Panel business during this time.

9:00 a.m.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of the agenda**
3. **Approval of the February minutes**

9:10 a.m.

### **4. Kansans' Open Forum**

Kansans may email Debbie Deere ([ddeere@ksde.org](mailto:ddeere@ksde.org)) by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, to share written comments or to sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during this time.

1. Each speaker will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes.
2. Panel members may ask clarifying questions of the person making the presentation.
3. Information may be submitted to the Panel in written and electronic form to be included in the meeting minutes.

9:15 a.m.

### **5. Follow-up from previous meetings**

- Strategies for Engaging Providers workgroup February update – Emily Barnes
- Recap of February meeting discussions

9:25 a.m.

### **6. Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition**

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition will present a crosswalk of breastfeeding initiatives and standards with the Kansas Early Childhood Strategic Plan. This will be followed by a facilitated discussion to consider recommendations to the Children's Cabinet to further integrate breastfeeding support into the early childhood system.

9:45 a.m.

### **7. Kansas COVID-19 Reflections:**

**KDHE Child Care Licensing Temporary Closures:** During the COVID-19 Pandemic KDHE Child Care Licensing has collected and continues to collect provider reported temporary closure and reopen data. Many providers reported

reopening after a short closure period that may have not been due to a specific exposure or positive test results, but rather an overall concern for the health of self, family or staff. KDHE Child Care Licensing Director Lorrena Kravitz will share a summary of point in time data over the past year.

**Vaccine Update:** Kansas is still focused on completing phase 2 in many counties. Child care workers (all individuals affiliated with facilities licensed by KDHE) are included in phase 2 and vaccination is underway in all counties. [Click here to view the Kansas weekly vaccine updates.](#)

**Vaccine status and hesitancy from the Our Tomorrows Story Bank:** The Our Tomorrows team recently added a question to the story collection tool to learn more about vaccination access, status, and messaging across the state. Jenny Flinders will share some of the early analysis of the data and facilitate a conversation about how we can all help strengthen COVID-19 vaccine communications in our communities and organizations.

10:05 a.m.

### **Break (10 minutes)**

10:15a.m.

### **8. Unheard Voices in the Our Tomorrows Story bank:**

The Our Tomorrows project is a key part of the All in the Kansas Kids strategic plan, allowing state and local leaders and community organizers to hear from Kansans about their lived experiences in real-time. Over the past year, the Our Tomorrows team has monitored the voices we're hearing from—and those that we are not hearing from. Jenny Flinders with the Our Tomorrows team will share ongoing gap analysis of these "unheard voices" in the Story Bank, provide some comparative context with available state population data, and facilitate a conversation and call to action to fill in and elevate these critical voices and experiences.

10:50 a.m.

### **9. Requests for future agenda item**

### **10. Bright Spots**

Panel members can share bright spots and updates at this time.

### **11. Upcoming meetings (all meetings scheduled via Zoom)**

- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund meeting - Friday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Stakeholders meeting - Friday, April 9, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel meeting - Friday, April 16, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
  - Third Fridays of the month, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Scheduled meetings will be posted at [kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings/](https://kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings/)

11:00 a.m.

### **12. Adjourn**