

Family Partnership Work Group

Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

Friday, August 20, 2021

10:10-10:50 am (estimated)

10:10-10:20 am – Welcome and Introductions

- Each work group will have recommended focus areas for the first 2-3 months of work that have been identified as current opportunities within the early childhood system and/or needs identified in the *All in for Kansas Kids* strategic plan.
- Panel leadership and facilitators have identified initial discussion questions for August meeting.
- We invite group members to bring related issues that they see in their work to the group for discussion.
- Each work group will have a facilitator, chair(s) and note taker. Additionally, content advisors who are not formal Panel members may be invited to participate.
 - Facilitator: Meghan Kluth, KU-CPPR
 - Content advisor: Heather Smith, KDHE
 - Chair: If interested, please contact Debbie Deere by August 31.
 - Note taker: If interested, please contact Debbie Deere by August 31. Is anyone willing to take notes and provide a brief report out to the group for today's meeting?

10:20-10:35 am – Coordination with Ongoing Efforts

- Overview of state level family partnership efforts and strategy guide
- Overview of family partnership toolkit

10:35 – 10:55 am – Group Discussion

- We will begin discussion during August meeting and continue in September if needed.
 - **Topic 1 – Collecting Input from Families**
 - How do you currently collect input from families in your work, and what is most effective?
 - What new, innovative ideas do you have for engaging and partnering with the families you serve?
 - What have you participated in that you particularly loved, as a family representative or in other settings?
 - What types of input collection do you dislike or find ineffective?
 - **Topic 2- Defining What's Important**
 - What does family partnership mean to you? What gaps, if any, are there between what you currently see happening to partner with families, and what you would like to see?
 - How should a program show the value they place on family engagement and partnership? If you were wanting to be involved in something where families

are at the CENTER of the work what do program staff need to do/say to show you that?

- **Topic 3 – Program Design**
 - When a program or service is being created or changed, when should families be brought to the table? What factors do program staff need to consider about the timing of this? Specifically, how should families be engaged in this process, and how often?

- **Topic 4 – Leadership**
 - When we say parent/family leadership – what comes to mind?
 - What family leadership programs are you aware of throughout Kansas? Where are there opportunities to increase opportunities for family leadership?

10:55-11:00 Next Steps

- Continue the discussion
- Identify goals for the group (suggestions to consider):
 - Develop a recommendation to elevate to full Panel
 - Develop a comprehensive plan to address a specific need
 - Develop a plan to coordinate with or add to existing programs/efforts