

## Family Partnership Work Group

Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

Friday, September 17, 2021

10:10-10:50 am (estimated)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://kansas.zoom.us/j/97680968574>

Meeting ID: 976 8096 8574

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### 10:10 – 10:15 am – Overview of Agenda and Updates

- Facilitator: Meghan Kluth, KU-CPPR
- Content Advisors: Heather Smith, KDHE and Cora Ungerer, KDHE
- Co-Chairs: Gail Cozadd, KCSL and Crystal Henry, The Family Conservancy

### 10:15 – 10:40 am – Group Discussion (continued from August meeting)

We will use [this Jamboard](#) (slides 1-3) during our discussion. The boards will be available prior to and during meeting. Please feel free to add your thoughts and ideas at your convenience.

- **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 do you see opportunities to increase family leadership programs and avenues to participate?

## 10:40 –11:00 am – Next Steps

We will use [this Jamboard](#) (slide 4) during our discussion to identify desired outcome(s) for this group by November 2021. The boards will be available prior to and during meeting. Please feel free to add your thoughts and ideas at your convenience.

- Identify goals for the group (suggestions to consider):
  - Develop a recommendation to elevate to full Panel (see details below)
  - Develop a comprehensive plan to address a specific need
  - Develop a plan to coordinate with or add to existing programs/efforts
  
- Current opportunities to coordinate with ongoing systems-level work:
  - Support development of family partnership resources with Family Leadership Team and Family Advisory Council (toolkit, directory/calendar of opportunities, etc.)
  - Identify new and/or support proposed efforts related to state-level alignment, such as:
    - Develop proposed shared Kansas definition of family partnership
    - Brainstorm strategies to increase awareness of and access to family partnership opportunities
  - Opportunities within *All in for Kansas Kids strategic plan*
    - A [Strategic Plan Audit](#) was completed this summer. Family partnership is included throughout, with a particular emphasis in Goal 3.
    - What opportunities do you see to coordinate with ongoing work and/or address gaps?
  
- What other ideas or focus areas are of interest?

**From [Kansas Early Childhood Recommendation Panel Role, Norms and Procedures Document](#):**

**A. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel **recommendations** will include the following:

- Clear identification of the entity that will receive the recommendation
- Background information explaining the issue that includes a description of:
  - How considerations of equity have informed this recommendation,
  - How Kansas families have shaped this recommendation, and
  - The councils, committees, or workgroups with expertise, experience, or jurisdiction related to the issue
- ***The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel recommends that [insert recommendation specifying both actor and recommended action]***