

Early Childhood Stakeholder Meeting Notes

2.4.22

Hannah McGahey opened the meeting welcoming attendees, and showcasing the full cabinet meeting referencing Melissa Rooker and her work with the legislature. Webinar agenda includes **All in for Kansas Kids System Updates, Grant Opportunities, Professional Development Workforce Registry Presentation.**

Hannah provided several updates in the early childhood system including Kansas Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP), Updates Prevention Month, Funding Opportunities available, Follow-up on the Our Tomorrows Rural Sensemaking Session, Anti-Bias Resources available for Early Childhood, and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

- **Kansas Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP)**
 - Will be hosting 5 sessions for al care coordinators, community health workers, and interested health care professionals.
 - Sessions will be from 12-1pm on:
 - Feb 8, 15, 22- Building relationships with patients and communities., empowering and partnering with patient and families, identifying patient and families to benefit from care coordination.
 - March 1, 8- creating family and patient-driven action plans, helping patients and families with care transitions.
- [COVID Support through Care Coordination Zoom Registration](#)
- **KCSL- NEW Child Abuse Prevention Training**
 - **Kansas Children’s Service League (KCSL) offering several trainings, which also qualify for child care licensing hours.**
 - Feb 8, 22- ACES and Resilience: The Biology of Stress and Science of Hope
 - Feb 16- Adverse Childhood Experiences
 - Feb 9, 23- Child Abuse and neglect Mandated Reporter Training, and many more!
- [Kansas Children’s Service League Training](#)
- **Winter Safety Tips for Childcare Providers**
 - Helpful tips from child care aware of America blog post
 - Guidance from Caring for Our Children for appropriate clothing in cold weather
 - Outdoor Play in the Winter
 - Winter Weather and COVID-19, Winter Weather in Written Emergency Plans

- For more information, please visit the [Child Care Aware of Kansas website](#).
- **ASQ – Ages and Stages Training**
 - ***Feb and March 2022 ASQ Trainings***
 - ASQ-3: Feb 23, 9am-12pm
 - ASQ- SE 2: Feb 25, 9am-12pm and March 24, 5pm-8pm
 - **Access Training Dates and Opportunities on the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) website**
 - Visit: [the TASN website](#)
- **Kansas Racial Equity Collaboration**
 - Topic: Forward Movement Shifting from Control to Support for Black and Brown families
 - Panel discussion on Feb 23 from 11:30am-1:30pm
 - [Kansas Racial Equity Collaborative Webinar Registration](#)

Debbie Deere, from KCCTF, spoke on the highlights from the Early Childhood Governance Summit which was hosted on Jan 21, 2022.

- **Early Childhood Governance Summit**
 - 9 groups attended with 75 attendees who represented the 9 groups
 - Groups shared information on their purpose, progress to date, and goals for 2022, and how to work together to best accomplish the goals of the All In for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan
 - [Livestream Recording](#) is available on YouTube:
 - Contact Debbie Deere, ddeere@ksde.org, for more information
 - Discussed that webinars, Stakeholder Group meetings, and weekly emails will continue to provide updates on panel work. Meetings are the 3rd Friday of every month, 9-11:30am. Next meeting Feb 18.

Hannah McGahey provided information on the Kindergarten Readiness Quality Subgrants.

- **Kindergarten Readiness Quality Subgrants- Grant Opportunities!**
 - These grants support community efforts to help ensure successful transition of children from early childhood settings into Kindergarten.
 - A smooth transition helps kindergarten staff meet the individual needs of children.

- **Who is eligible to apply?** Head Start Programs, parents and families, childcare centers/home based providers, organizations that support early childhood care and education.
- **Applications Opens- Feb 11, 2022 – March 18, 2022**
 - 12-month grant period, April 30, 2022- April 29, 2023
 - \$250,000 total available; single award cap of \$25,000
 - Technical assistance/support available Feb 11- March 16
 - Successful applicants will be notified by May!
 - Visit the Kansas Children’s Cabinet website for information about the [Kindergarten Readiness 2022 subgrant opportunity](#).
 - [Kindergarten Readiness Technical Assistance Request Form](#)
- **KPP & EBG Funding Opportunities- Grant Opportunity RECAP**
 - Funding opportunities provided by the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) and the Kansas children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund (KCCTF)
 - High-Quality education for children birth to kindergarten
 - Services for prenatal and family supports
 - School Year 2022-2023
 - 133 applications requesting a total of \$35,654,509 in funding
 - **ECBG** funding will be considered until April 1, 2022, **KPP** funding will be considered until April 13, 2022
 - Grantee notifications will follow the April Children’s Cabinet Board Meeting
 - Kansas Children’s Cabinet ECBG webpage https://kschildrenscabinet.org/ecbg_fy23/

Hannah continued with the presentation about the Professional Development Workforce Registry Update.

- **What is a Workforce Registry?** Data systems originally conceived to track the childcare workforce’s training, course work, and formal educational achievement
- Access to information all in one place!
- All in for Kansas Kids Strategic plan calls for the creation of a workforce registry for early childhood care and education professionals to access, track and guide career advancement

- **2022 National Workforce Registry Alliance graphic will show that Kansas is one of the last states to have a Workforce Registry.**
 - The National Workforce Alliance has been absolutely incredible in helping with the Kansas registry. Everyone has been so willing to help and show pitfalls of what other states have ran into.
- **Stakeholder Feedback on what we need for the Workforce Registry:**
 - Quality Recognition Improvement System (QRIS)
 - Interface with Licensing
 - Learning Management
 - Professional Development

Hannah speaks about her vendor and state interviews. Involving 5 vendors and 10 states. Many nuances specific to state or region. Same group of interviewers. Continuity in questioning routine. We are now working with partner agencies. Final edits of request for proposals (RFP), Core Competencies work, Career Pathway work.

- **Systems Analysis**
 - Goal of Analysis
 - Evaluate information sharing capabilities
 - Preserve efficiency of existing processes
 - Reduce burden on educators to access information

Questions?

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Hannah McGahey wrapped the meeting up with the schedule of upcoming meetings:

- **Biweekly Webinars**
 - Every other Wednesday at noon.
 - Register on the Children's Cabinet website: <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/share/>
- **Recommendations Panel: February 18 – via Zoom (third Friday of the month from 9:00-11:30 a.m.)**
- **Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund:**
 - April 1
 - All meetings will be held virtually until further notice.