

# All In For Kansas Kids



## Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

**MEETING** NOVEMBER 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 – PART 1

- Welcome
- Approval of agenda and October meeting minutes
- Kansans' Open Forum
- Overview presentation and feedback session for the federal Build Back Better Plan.
- Work Group planning timeline/resources overview



## TODAY'S AGENDA – PART 2

- Work Group breakout sessions
- *10-minute break at 10:00 a.m.*
- Work Group reports
- Future Agenda Items / Bright Spots / Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn



# ACTION ITEMS

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

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



# KANSANS' OPEN FORUM

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



# All In For Kansas Kids



Build Back Better Plan  
overview and discussion  
**DAN WUORI / AMANDA PETERSEN**





# The Build Back Better Act's Child Care and Universal Prekindergarten Provisions

Dr. Dan Wuori

November 19, 2021





## **The Build Back Better Act**

- \$1.75 trillion**
  - 4 weeks of Paid Family Leave**
  - 1 year extension of the \$3,600 ARPA child tax credit**
  - Universal prekindergarten for 3- and 4-year-olds**
  - Significant expansion of child care subsidy funding**
- Social Infrastructure vs. Physical Infrastructure**
- Likely to see debate and passage by the U.S. House of Representatives before Thanksgiving, at which point it will be considered by the Senate.**



## **CHILD CARE**

- **Significant expansion of child care subsidy to families up to 250% of state median income (SMI).**
- **Creates a copayment system similar to that used in health insurance.**
- **Copayments on a sliding fee scale, based on income level.**
- **Eligibility phased in over a 4 year timeline, beginning in FFY2022 with families making 100% or less of SMI.**



## **Eligibility Phase In for Expanded Subsidy**

**FFY2022: Families making 100% or less of SMI**

- Under 75% of SMI = no copay.
- 75%-100% of SMI = copay between \$0 and 2% of annual family income

**FFY2023: Families making 125% or less of SMI**

- 100%-125% of SMI = copay between 2% and 4% of annual family income.

**FFY2024: Families making 150% or less of SMI**

- 125%-150% of SMI – copay between 4% and 7% of annual family income.

**FFY2025 and beyond: Families making 250% or less of SMI**

- 150%-250% - copay of 7% of annual family income



## Kansas Examples:

Average cost of infant care: **\$11,222 or \$935** per month

Average cost of four-year-old care: **\$8798 or \$733** per month

### Under BBB:

Family of 4 at \$69,668 = no copay (75% SMI)

Family of 4 at \$92,890 = monthly copay of \$1-\$155 (100% SMI)

Family of 4 at \$116,113 = monthly copay of \$194-\$387 (125% SMI)

Family of 4 at \$139,335 = monthly copay of \$464-\$813 (150% SMI)

Family of 4 at \$232,225 = monthly copay of \$1,355 (250% SMI)

**\*Note that copayment would cover all children under 6 in household**



**Implemented by states in two phases:**

- 3 year transitional application – fully funded via CCDBG formula**
- 3 year “full state plan” – 90% federal/10% state split on subsidy costs**

**As part of full plan (FFY2025) states will be required to be implementing a quality measurement system and have a plan to make care available to all children at the highest level.**

**Living wages for ALL child care staff, pay parity with elementary schools for teachers with similar credentials, experience.**

**Licensed center-based, home-based, and faith-based preschool settings all eligible to participate.**

**Grant funding to improve quality and increase supply during transition phase.**



## UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN FOR 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS

Designed as a partnership between federal and state governments. Would expand access to – rather than replace – existing state prekindergarten programs (as applicable).

Mixed-delivery model incorporating public schools, private sector providers, family child care, Head Start. States must develop plans to ensure equitable distribution and attest that PreK plan will not endanger access to infant-toddler care.

All 3- and 4-year-old children eligible, independent of income. Must have turned 3 or 4 by cutoff date established by states for kindergarten entry.

Formula funding based on population of children under 6. States will split \$4 billion, \$6 billion, and \$8 billion annually over the 3-year transition period and give priority to high-risk communities and students. Effective FFY2025, this will become an entitlement to states with funding as needed to cover all eligible children.

No state match during first 3 years. Afterward ramps up gradually to a 60% federal – 40% state split.



## **Additional details:**

- 1,020 hours per year minimum**
- States will attest that they have developed rigorous, developmentally appropriate program standards**
- Governor will designate a lead agency**
- By the end of 6 years, teachers will require a bachelor's degree in early childhood, with provisions to “grandfather” in teachers who have taught PreK for 3 of 5 years prior to enactment.**
- Pay parity with elementary school teachers**
- Additional funds for programs providing comprehensive services**





## **Can States Opt Out?**

**Yes and no. In the event a state elects not to apply for these opportunities, provisions in the Act exist that would allow localities to apply directly and for the expansion of Head Start and Early Head Start grants.**

**That said, as currently configured, it is unlikely the funds held in reserve for this purpose would be sufficient to fully cover the need if a large number of states elected not to participate.**

**Funds unobligated by a state may be recouped for use by other states.**

# WORK GROUP PLANNING RESOURCES

- Timeline goals
  - Finalize a draft of at least one recommendation / action plan today
  - Introduce in rough draft form during report back to full Panel
  - Complete and prepare for formal presentation to full Panel in December for discussion/consideration/approval by a 2/3 majority vote

**Work Groups**



# WORK GROUP PLANNING RESOURCES

- Recommendations Template
  - Refer to document sent in advance of meeting
  - Address the following:
    - Clear identification of the entity that will receive the recommendation,
    - Recommendation statement: (using clear language)

***The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel recommends that*** (insert recommendation specifying both actor and recommendation action)

Work Groups



# WORK GROUP PLANNING RESOURCES

- Criteria found in Roles / Norms / Procedures document
  - **Background information explaining the issue with 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/jurisdiction related to the issue, why it is important for the Kansas early childhood system, who is impacted, and any additional connections within the early childhood system and considerations for review and potential implementation.
  - Does the recommendation address a specific goal, strategy, or tactic of the All In for Kansas Kids strategic plan?

Work Groups



# WORK GROUP INFORMATION

- Please join your assigned Work Group – Zoom links were sent in advance
- Quality & Environments Work Group remains in main meeting room
- Separate Zoom links provided for:
  - Child Care Recruitment & Retention
  - Family Partnerships
- You will return to this main room after our breakout session





**BREAK**



*The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations  
Panel Work Groups will begin breakout sessions*

*Livestreaming for each group is available via the  
Children's Cabinet YouTube.*





# WORK GROUP REPORTS

Each Work Group will share a brief (5 minute) report.

- Child Care Recruitment & Retention
- Family Partnerships
- Quality & Environments



# UPCOMING MEETINGS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

Requests for future agenda items

**\*\*Bright Spots – Panel members are invited to share\*\***

Upcoming Meetings (all via Zoom):

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel: Friday, December 17 - 9:00-11:30 a.m. (Third Fridays of the month, 9:00-11:30 a.m.)
- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund meeting – Friday, December 3 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Early Childhood Stakeholders Group meeting – Friday, December 3 – 1:30-3:00 p.m.





# Adjourn

