

# All In For Kansas Kids



## Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

**WEBINAR** AUGUST 10, 2022



# WELCOME

- **General Updates**
- **Presentation from CCHC**

**Webinar Agenda**



# SUNFLOWER SUMMER

- Summer 2022 is almost gone, and it's your last chance for the year to get FREE access to a long list of participating attractions, landmarks, theaters, museums, nature areas, and more! Check out this short excerpt of the list of participating locations:
- Wichita's Botanical Gardens
- Hutchinson's Cosmosphere
- Flint Hills Discovery Center
- The Oz Museum
- And more!
- Sunday, August 14th marks the end of this season.

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# GUIDANCE AND RESOURCES FOR THE INFANT FORMULA SHORTAGE

- The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services want to share guidance and information with families and providers during the Formula Shortage.
- There's nothing as important to families as the health and safety of their babies, and the formula shortage has left many people feeling anxious about how they'll feed them. Some young children, teens, and adults with medical needs also rely on formula for their nutrition. They may be impacted by the shortage, too.
- We know it's not easy to change your baby's diet. However, if you can't find formula in stock, use the link for tips on finding safe substitutes.

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# SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS ROUND 3

- Opportunity from Kansas Department for Children and Families and Child Care Aware of Kansas
- Rolling applications will be accepted March 1 – November 30, with up to 14 monthly payments available.
- This grant opportunity is **non-competitive**

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# DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINARY LIBRARY

- On July 1, the KCCTF began matching dollar-for-dollar investments made by Dolly Parton's Imaginary Library programs.
- Local community nonprofit programs can join the Imagination Library's mission of nurturing early literacy and inspiring children and families by gifting free books to our youngest Kansans.
- Together, the Children's Cabinet and local program partners each cover 50% of the cost for providing books to children enrolled in the program to help expand access to every child under five years of age throughout Kansas.
- Parties interested in starting a program should reach out to Pam Hunsaker at [phunsaker@imaginationlibrary.com](mailto:phunsaker@imaginationlibrary.com)

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# UNITED WE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOWN HALL SERIES

- United WE, a nonpartisan nonprofit with a mission to advance women's economic and civic leadership, is hosting a Town Hall Series across Kansas to identify barriers impacting women in the workplace and entrepreneurship, including childcare, paid family leave, broadband access, and more. United WE will provide free lunch and free professional childcare at in-person town halls. Attendees will also receive a \$10 gift card for their time. Register for an event closest to you:
  - Statewide Virtual: Wednesday, August 24 from Noon-1:00pm - [Virtual Registration](#)

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# CHILD CARE WORKFORCE APPRECIATION BONUS

- Child Care Aware of Kansas hosted two webinars to share details and guidance on how to ensure you receive your appreciation bonus.
- A series of help videos will soon be available to view on [Child Care Aware of Kansas website](#). The first application window opens soon, so check back often for the most up-to-date information!
- Governor Kelly announced the appreciation bonuses on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Read more about it from the [Kansas Reflector](#).

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CHILDCARE HEALTH CONSULTANT (CCHC) NETWORK TIER 3

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# CCHC NETWORK TIER 3 SPECIALTY AREAS:

**Emergency  
Preparedness  
Consultations**

**Health Equity  
Consultations**

**Registered  
Nurse  
Consultations**

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



## Four Main Types of Hazards:

- Natural
- Technological
- Biological
- Safety/Manmade

# WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP PROVIDERS WITH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

## Emergency Preparedness Consultant can help providers:

- Determine which hazards pose the most risk in their area
- Make emergency plans and facilitate practicing them
- Connect to local resources
- Plan for utility outages
- Practice responses to a variety of hazardous scenarios (i.e., active shooter, flash flood, etc.)
- Develop communication and reunification plans
- Assemble emergency equipment and supplies

## MEET YOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONSULTANT

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# HEALTH EQUITY

- **Health equity means everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthier. This requires removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, and their consequences, including powerlessness and lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments, and healthcare.**

# WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP PROVIDERS WITH HEALTH EQUITY

- **Work to create healthy, equitable, and thriving Early Childhood Education communities**
- **Help identify inequity in early childhood education programs**
- **Coach program providers on topics such as equity, health disparities, and biases**
- **Provide training in areas such as health equity, cultural humility, diversity, biases and access (coming soon)**
- **Recommend adjustments to create meaningful inclusion for childcare families and staff**
- **Serve as a resource with respect to curriculum and environment design and child/family support**
- **Help programs to recruit, welcome, and retain families and staff from diverse backgrounds**

## MEET YOUR HEALTH EQUITY CONSULTANT

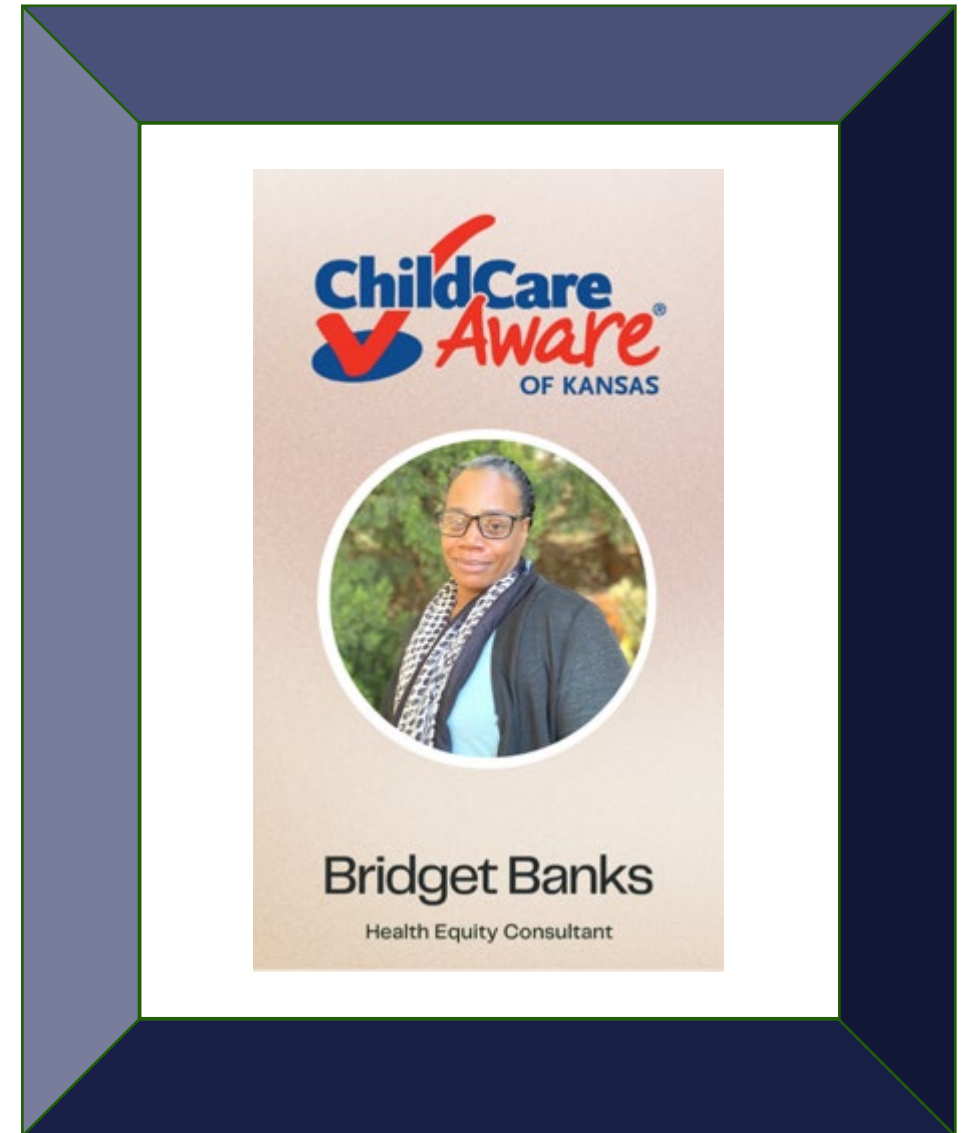
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# QUESTIONS?



# REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel meeting August 19th, 9-11:30am
- Next Bi-weekly webinars, August 24th, 12 – 1:00pm
  - Let us know what topics you're interested in, or if you have information to share in the webinars or weekly emails.
- Children's Cabinet and Early Childhood Group Meeting, (October 7)
  - Register for Stakeholder Group meeting at the Kansas Children's Cabinet website: [Register Here!](#)

**Early Childhood System**





**Thank you!**

