

Early Childhood Stakeholder Meeting Notes

4.1.22

Hannah McGahey opened the meeting welcoming attendees, and showcasing the full cabinet meeting referencing Debbie Deere and her updates on the recommendations that were approved. Also, highlighting funding opportunities.

Hannah provided several updates in the early childhood system including Child Abuse Prevention Month, Week of the Young Child, Funding Opportunities available, Training Opportunities-KCSL, Public Service Loan Forgiveness for ECE Workforce, and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

- **Child Abuse Prevention Month**
 - April is Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month!
 - As the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America, KCSL organizes an awareness campaign and provides resources each year.
 - For more information about CAP Month and how you can get involved, visit this site regularly or contact Pam Noble at pnoble@kcsl.org or toll free 1-877-530-5275 ex.1343
- **Week of the Young Child**
 - Annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their family's ad to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those in need.
 - Coordinated locally by the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children (KSAEYC)
 - Join KSAEYC for a week of virtual events to celebrate young children and families, April 4-8,2022. All events hosted from 6:30-7:00pm.
- **Training Opportunities- KCSL**
 - ACEs and Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope (2 hours), April 11, 21, 22, 28
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences, April 4, 26
 - Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter Training, April 5, 29
 - Connections Matter in Early Childhood, April 8
 - **All eligible for KDHE child care licensing hours**
- **Survey, "Win \$100 gift card"**
 - Eligible participants include **Child Care Providers and Staff**
 - Conducted by the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships & Research (CPPR)

- Survey responses will help the All in for Kansas Kids team explore creative approaches to workforce and financial stability, planning for and transitioning to retirement, and capacity to serve children and families in Kansas.
- [Public Service Loan Forgiveness](#)
 - Webinar opportunity, benefit to anyone in the ECE workforce with federal student loans
 - Overview of the Limited Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver
 - How to qualify and apply for loan forgiveness, access resources and technical assistance available
 - Hear responses to FAG from ECE field
- **Sustainability Grants- Round 3**
 - Applicants accepted on a rolling basis until November 30, 2022
 - Family/Group Child Care homes: \$1,800 per month (up to 9 months)
 - Other settings by capacity
 - Licensed capacity 24 or less: \$3,600 per month
 - Licensed capacity between 25-99: \$9,000 per month
 - Licensed capacity 100+ children: \$18,000 per month
 - **Maximum 9 months for all categories**
- [Mini Grant Opportunity](#)
 - Awarded by the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC)
 - Mini-grants of \$2,000 for eligible breastfeeding coalitions to fund activities that improve breastfeeding rates
 - Proposals must be submitted by 5pm on April 4, 2022

Debbie Deere, from KCCTF, highlights the Recommendation Panel Updates.

- **Designated Early Childhood Advisory Council**
 - The [Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel](#) is an **advisory group** to the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund to assist in the Cabinet’s role as the Kansas Early Childhood Advisory Council
 - [Meeting materials/recordings/roles-norms-procedures documents](#)
 - **2022-2023 membership applications will be accepted from April 1 – May 1, 2022 on the Children’s Cabinet website**
 - Contact Debbie Deere, ddeere@ksde.org for more information

- [Recommendations Panel application link](#)
- **Panel Application Process**
 - Any Kansan interested in applying is welcome to apply
 - All applications will be reviewed, and membership recommendations will be presented to the Children’s Cabinet for approval at the June 3, 2022 meeting
 - The membership year will extend from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- **2021 – 2022 Panel Demographics**
 - Current Panel members represent:
 - State agencies serving families & children in Kansas (DCF, KDHE, KSDE)
 - Center-Based & family home childcare providers
 - Local School district and higher education institutions
 - Kansas Head Start
 - Organizations that provide early childhood services, education, and training
 - Community Leaders, Parents of young children currently receiving early childhood services in Kansas
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Debbie Deere, ask any of the panel member to come off mute and share their experience on serving on the panel and how it has impacted their work.

Jennifer Adhima, shares that she has been a member of the panel for 2 years and has really enjoyed getting to know colleagues from across the state. Working towards a common goal together and watching the cabinet meeting and seeing the workgroup recommendation go to the Children’s cabinet for consideration.

Crystal Henry, shares that this is her first year on the panel and that there are so many areas of her life that intersect with this work. She is encouraged by the work of the panel and the work across that state that will help her children but also being apart of that work is really meaningful.

Audra Kenneson, shares that she was presently surprised that there was a lot of work being done with very minimal efforts on the members part and what she means by that is, we went to meetings, shared thoughts and time on deep conversations. The staff from KCCTF and KU was very helpful. She felt like she had a lot of product and that everything was well organized.

- **Recommendations Panel Year 2 Highlights**
 - Presentations/feedback sessions
 - Agencies/organization/initiatives from within the mixed-delivery early childhood system
 - **Transition to Work Groups**
 - Focus Work Groups:
 - Child Care Recruitment & Retention
 - Family Partnerships (Family Navigation)
 - Quality & Environment
 - Recommendations
 - [Kindergarten Transitions Toolkit](#)
 - **Creation of Summit, 2022**
 - [Early Childhood Governance Summit](#)
 - January 2022
 - 75 Attendees
 - 9 Governance groups
 - Highlights/Networking opportunities
 - [All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan](#)
 - **Future Work of the Panel**
 - Agencies/organizations/Early Childhood Stakeholder groups are invited to bring work to the Panel
 - Public comments are welcome
 - **2021 Needs Assessment Update “ASK”**
 - [2021 Updates to the All in for Kansas Kids Needs Assessment](#)
 - Surveys/data sets can be submitted
- **Questions?**
 - ddeere@ksde.org

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

- **Biweekly Webinars**

- Every other Wednesday at noon. This coming week will be April 5, 2022 at 7:00pm hosted by Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas
- [Register on the Children's Cabinet website](#)
- **Recommendations Panel: April 15 – via Zoom (third Friday of the month from 9:00-11:30 a.m.)**
- **Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund:**
 - June 3, 9am – 12pm / Stakeholders Group 1:30 – 3:00pm
 - All meetings will be held virtually until further notice.