

KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE SUMMIT SUMMARY

Friday, February 16, 2024



Overview

Welcome

Cornelia Stevens, Early Childhood Recommendations Panel Chair, thanked our presenters for serving Kansas children, families, and early childhood care and education professionals and welcomed attendees to our 2024 Early Childhood Governance Summit. The meeting was livestreamed on the Children’s Cabinet [YouTube channel](#).

Amy Meek, Early Childhood Director, Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, welcomed everyone to the 3rd Annual Governance Summit for the Early Childhood Care and Education System sponsored by the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel. This panel exists as a standing committee of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet in its role as the state’s designated Early Childhood Advisory Council. A designation created by Governor Kelly in her first term to bring us into compliance with federal law (Federal Head State Act) and to help assist in all of the work that goes on in the portfolio that we refer to as All In For Kansas Kids.

Meeting Agenda, Presentation Slides, and Recording

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Graphic Recording: Successes

(Coming April 2024)

Graphic Recording: Goals

(Coming April 2024)

Governance Group Presentations

Early Childhood Recommendations Panel

Presented by Cornelia Stevens, Chair
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Workforce Development Advisory Group

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Child Care Systems Improvement Team

Presented by Melissa Schoenberger
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Family First Statewide Interagency and Community Advisory Board

Presented by Kaela Byers PhD, MSW
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Maternal Child Health Council

Presented by Jennifer Miller
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Family Leadership Team

Presented by Cora Ungerer
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Home Visiting Leadership Group

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Kansas Early Learning Standards

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Family Advisory Council

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State Interagency Coordinating Council

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Kansas Early Childhood Data Trust Governance Board

Presented by Jared Barton PhD, MSW
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Quality Recognition and Improvement System Advisory Board

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