

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR JANUARY 10, 2024



WELCOME

- Webinar Cadence Updates
 - AIFKK webinars will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month in 2024
 - Zoom correspondence with instruction on how to add this series to your calendar have gone out twice
Subject Line: **KS Early Childhood Systems-Building Webinar (2024) Confirmation**
 - If you did NOT receive this email, please email me at jgruss@ku.edu
- Sign up to receive our All In For Kansas Kids e-Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – <http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/>
- Presentation on IRIS by Loretta Severin of KU CPPR and Mariah Winter of IERPS, as well as an update on 1-800-CHILDREN by Michelle Reichart of KCSL
- Early Childhood Systems Updates

Agenda



2024 Webinar Schedule

January 10th
February 14th
March 13th
April 10th
May 8th
June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th
December 11th

Growing Connected Networks for Kansas Families



IRIS

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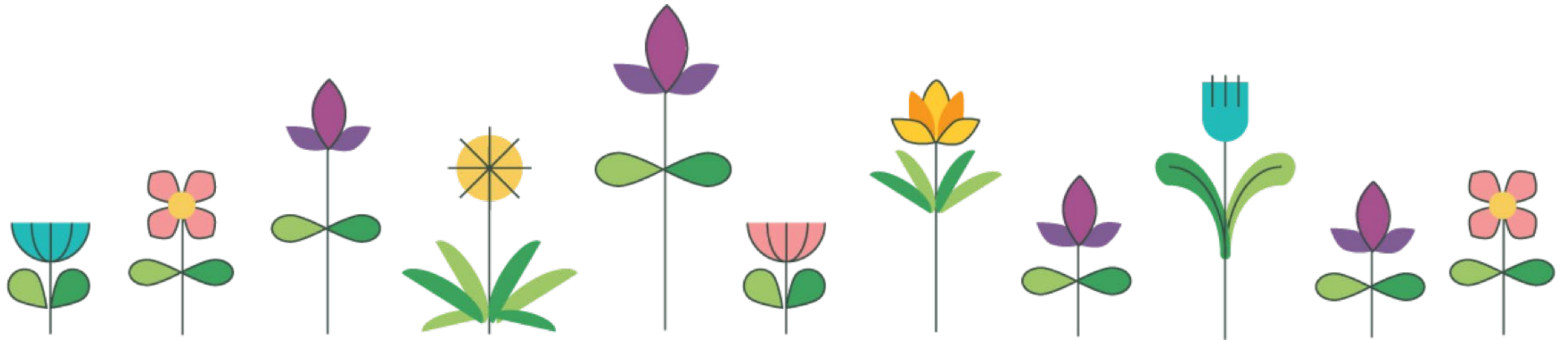
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KANSAS

**Center for Public Partnerships
and Research**



How do Kansas families find help and support to meet their needs?



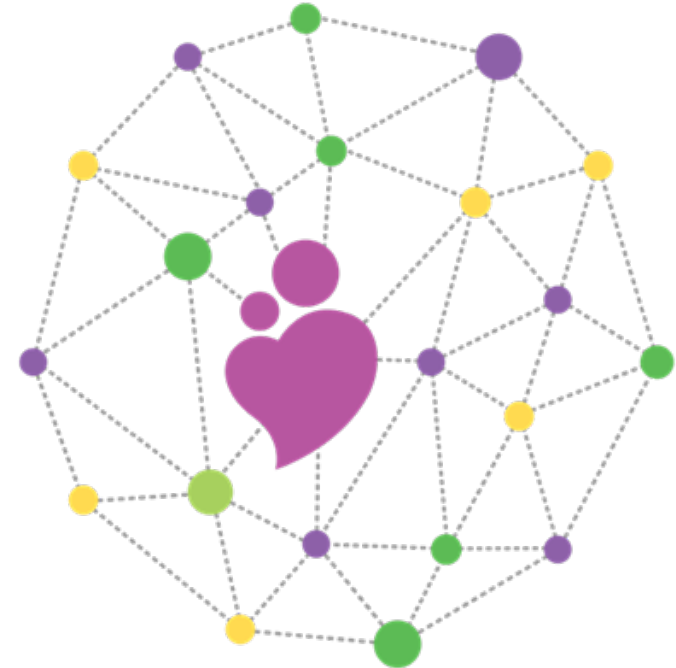


For every door in the community to be a **right** door, providers must . . .

- Be confident discussing & assessing families' needs
- Understand what resources are available
- Know the most direct way to connect families to resources
- Be informed whether the family received help
- Form relationships and communicate with other providers



Technology and
collaboration can equip
providers to create more
right doors for families





IRIS

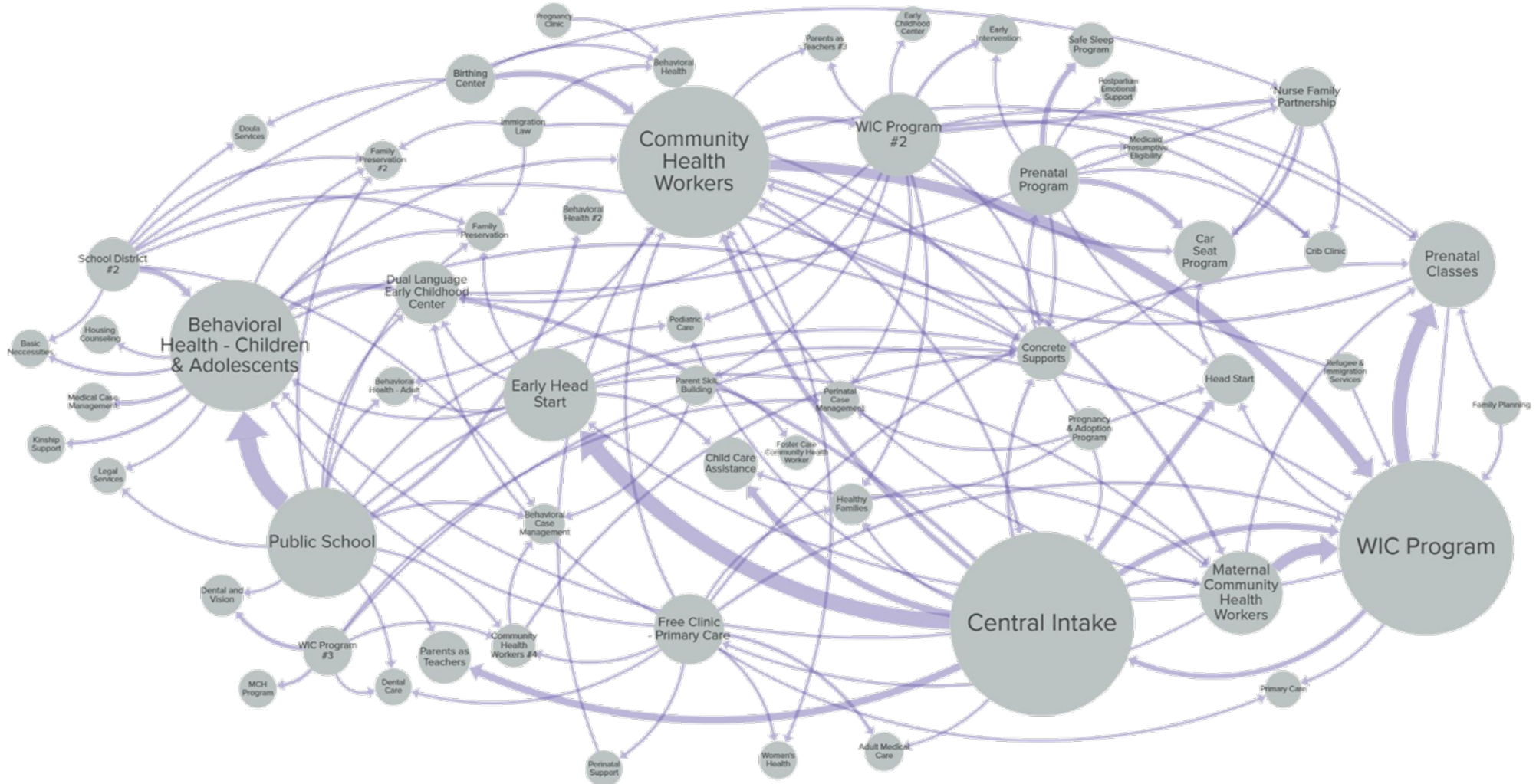
Integrated Referral and Intake System

- Closed-loop referral platform connecting individuals and families with the right services to meet their needs
- Simple for providers to identify available resources, make referrals, and monitor whether families receive the help they choose
- Promotes individual and community health and well-being





What makes an IRIS Network?



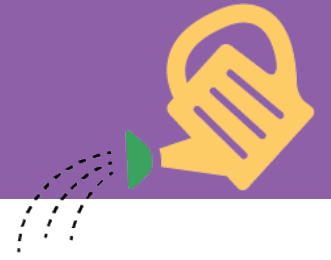


A network of organizations tethered not just by their use of the same technology but by aligned vision, shared practice & accountability, and ongoing collaboration.





Growing Collaboration & Practice



GROUNDWORK

Assess community readiness and develop a leadership team.



PLANTING SEEDS

Engage partners and create a collective vision for the future.



STRONG ROOTS

Collaboratively map the network, define shared processes, and develop shared expectations.



IRIS BLOOMS

Implement defined workflows to connect families to services.

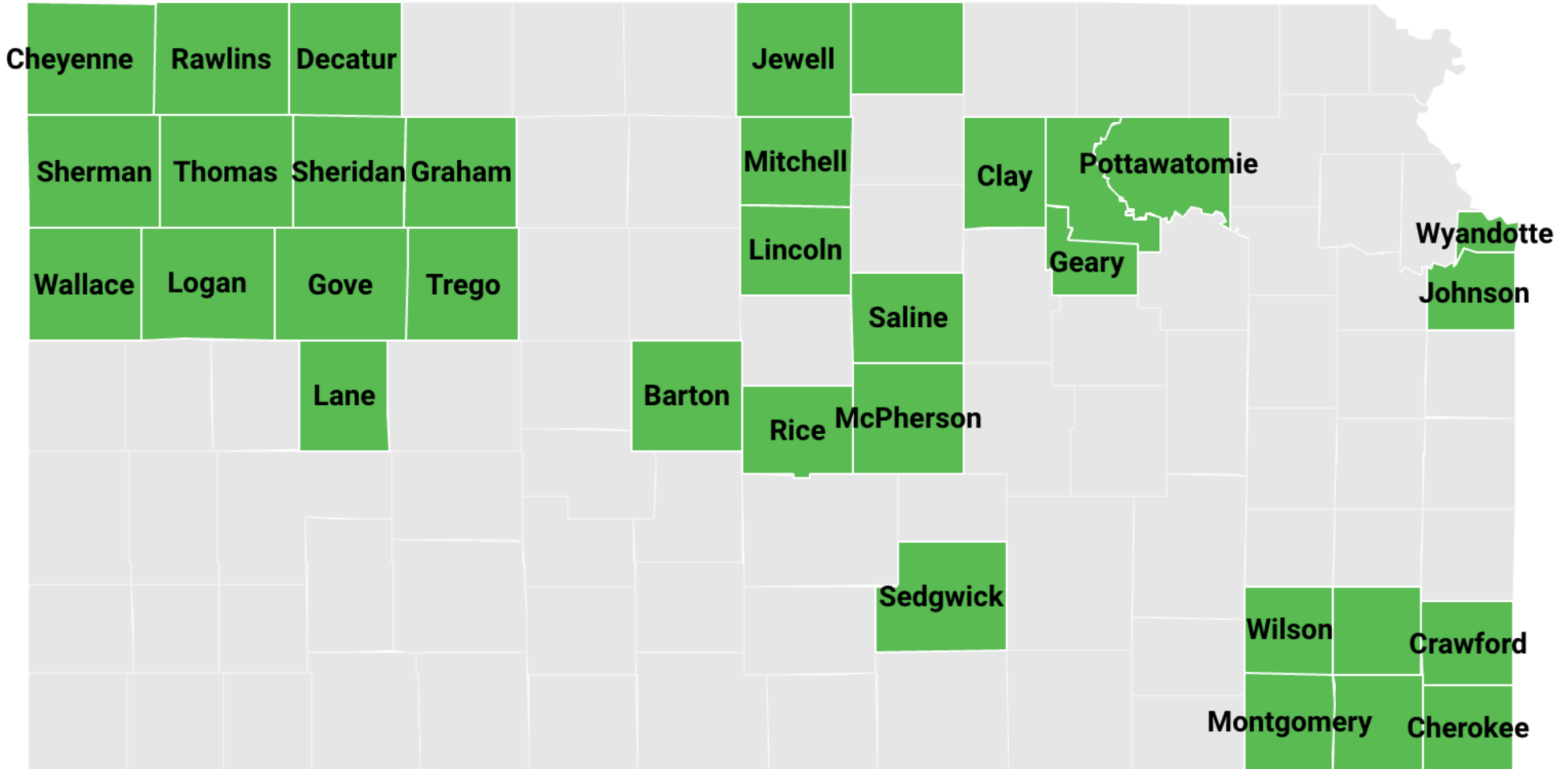


CULTIVATE

Measure shared success through continuous quality improvement, refining approaches as a collaborative.



IRIS in Kansas





Kansas Impact



28,968 Referrals

Many families were involved in multiple referrals.



17,909 Families

Unduplicated number of individuals who were the subject of at least one referral in IRIS.



42% Enrolled in services

Families connected with needed services in IRIS communities.

Referral Demonstration



Opportunities



If your community has an IRIS Network

- **Does your program already use IRIS?**
Celebrate!
- **Connect with your Local IRIS Leadership Team.** Learn how IRIS supports families in your community; attend a meeting to build relationships.
- **Consider if IRIS is right for your program.** Do you receive or make referrals as part of your program? Is now the time to do it differently?
- **Contact your Local IRIS Leadership Team to join!**

If your community does **not** have an IRIS Network

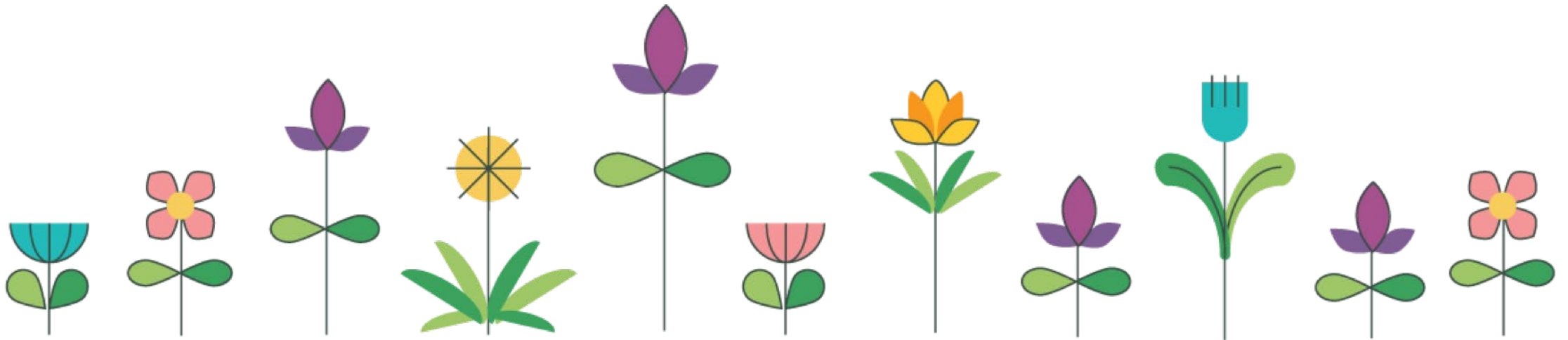
- **Reflect on families' current experience finding help in your community.** What could be improved? Where might families fall through the cracks?
- **Talk with other programs and providers. How are families typically connected to services?** What is working well with current processes? What are the limitations?
- **Share IRIS with others.** Use the resources on the IRIS website to inform your partners about IRIS. Is their interest in building a network together?



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1-800-CHILDREN

Judgment Free Support for Parents, Caregivers, & Professionals

Michelle Reichart, Statewide Information & Referral Supervisor
Kansas Children's Service League



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No question is off limits



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(or 1-800-332-6378)



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resources near you

The 1-800-CHILDREN Program is:

- Statewide
- Available 24/7/365
- Available via phone, email, text, website, & mobile app
- No cost
- Accessible in over 200 languages
- Anonymous
- Without eligibility or income requirements
- Available to anyone- parents, caregivers, professionals



Call Line Activity 2023

AT-A-GLANCE

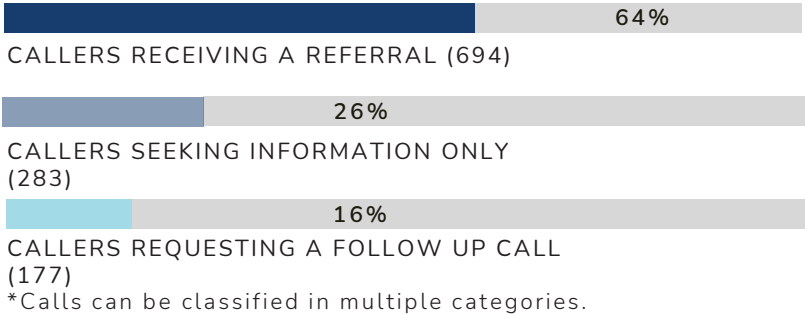
Total Call Line Calls

1,078

Callers Reporting Needs Met

98%

Call Type*



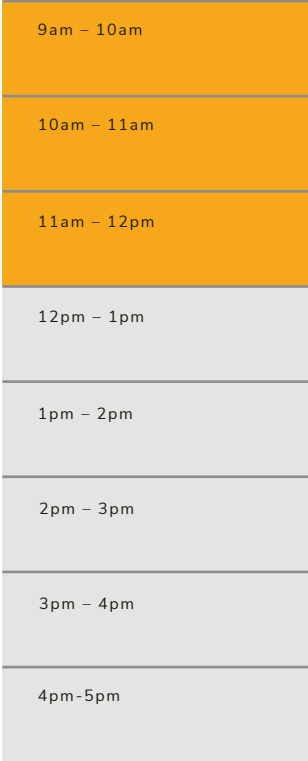
Relationship Type



Top Reasons for the Call

- PROGRAM INFORMATION (126)
- OTHER (114)
- MENTAL HEALTH (98)
- CUSTODY/GUARDIANSHIP (76)
- PARENTING CLASS/SUPPORT GROUP (69)
- LEGAL (68)
- UTILITIES (62)
- PARENTING (61)
- HOUSING (60)
- BASIC NEEDS (59)

Peak Call Times



Child Development

Ages & Stages
Questionnaire

By phone or
electronically

Ages 0-6



BRIGHT SPOTS

A caller shared that she was terminated from her job, has no means of transportation, and is concerned about providing food for her family. The phone counselor provided the caller with resources for emergency food assistance in her area that would deliver to her home.

A mom called 1-800-CHILDREN at 9 pm, concerned about her young daughter's separation anxiety. The family had recently experienced divorce and remarriage. The phone counselor shared information on anxiety and trauma, and recommended the child and family participate in counseling with a mental health professional. When the phone counselor called to follow up, the mom shared that she had scheduled an appointment with a counselor in her neighborhood.

An 85-year-old woman called, needing assistance with her broken heater and weatherizing her home for the colder months. The phone counselor called a weatherization program and confirmed that the program would be able to assist the caller. The phone counselor followed up to ensure the caller was able to connect with the program.



1-800-CHILDREN



1800childrens.org Resource Database

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 1800childrens.org. The page header includes the 1800-CHILDREN logo and navigation links for Support, Sign Up, and Log In. The main content area features a search prompt: "Connect with resources and services in your community". Below this is a search form with a text input field containing "67042" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search form is the 1800-CHILDREN logo and the text "Supporting Parents" and "Powered by Kansas Children's Service League". Below the search form, a paragraph states: "1-800-CHILDREN is here to provide 24/7 support without judgement. No question is too big or too small when it comes to parenting. Find helpful resources and supports near you through this site or connect with a real person by calling 1-800-CHILDREN. We offer free and confidential support in English and Spanish as well as multiple other languages." At the bottom of the page, there are three circular icons representing phone, email, and mobile phone. The footer includes a "Select Language" dropdown menu, a "Suggest Program" link, and copyright information: "© 2011-2020. Powered by Aunt Bertha."

Free downloadable app for iOS and Android

BRIGHT SPOT

Staff were able to directly text a woman who was homeless with helpful resources, including directions via Google map, hours of operation, and direct contact information.



1-800-CHILDREN

Guide for Adding & Claiming Programs



Quick Reference Guide:

How to include and update program information in the 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory

An easily accessible, reliable, and organized system of community resources ensures that Kansas families and communities are connected to the information, services, and supports they need, when they need them. The 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory and Call Line provides 24-hour, confidential, free information, support, and connection to local resources across the state. Every program added to the 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory is reviewed, updated, and verified, at minimum, every 6 months.

To ensure a robust and reliable resource directory we need your help. Step-by-step directions are outlined in the following pages to assist you in updating, adding, and/or claiming your program in the statewide 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Directory.



Visit 1800CHILDRENKS.org to find resources near you.



Download the mobile app by searching **1800CHILDRENKS** in your app store.



Call **1-800-CHILDREN** (or **1-800-332-6378**) to connect with a real person.



Text or email 1800CHILDREN@kcsli.org.



1-800-CHILDREN
Supporting Parents

1-800-CHILDREN is available 24/7 to connect you with resources and supports.

Resource Directory Activity 2023

AT-A-GLANCE

Database Searches

59,380

Total Distinct Visitors

103,187

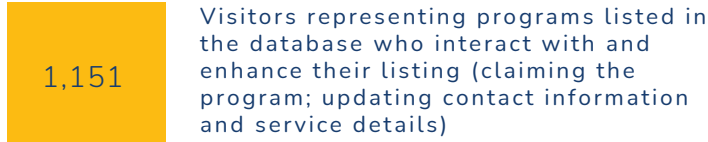
New Mobile App Downloads

1,851

Action Type



Program Management




Top Search Terms

- Housing Assistance (1,690)
- Food Pantries & Food Banks (987)
- Emergency Food (626)
- Financial Assistance (546)
- Utilities (530)
- Parenting Classes (510)
- Mental Health (477)
- Find Childcare (476)
- Behavior & At-risk Resources (326)
- Preschool/Head Start (315)

Include a search bar or hyperlinked graphic directly on your website or email!

Find helpful resources near you or call 1-800-CHILDREN.

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HELPLINE AND RESOURCE DIRECTORY



Social Media For Partners

24/7
judgment-free
support



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CORNER**

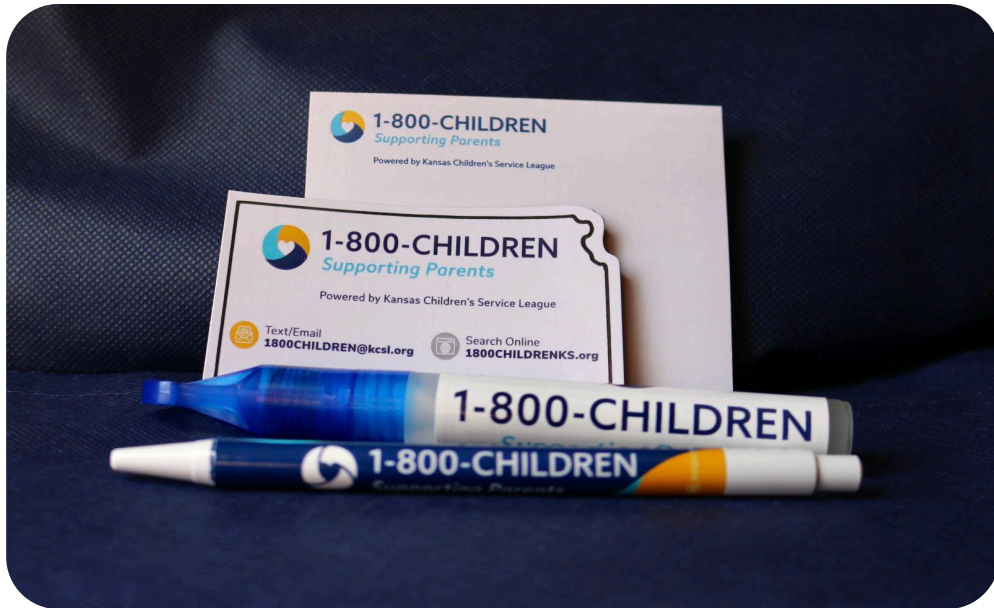
1-800-Children provides
24/7 judgment-free
parenting support



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Family & Professional Outreach



Why is there spit-up everywhere?

What's this thing called balance I hear other dads talking about?

How do I help my kid deal with the world's meanest third grader?

How much tummy time is too much tummy time?

Where can I find more parent friends?

Is screen time bad for my kid? How about for me?

Should he be potty trained by now?

HOW THE HECK DO YOU GET YOUR BABY TO SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT?!

What is cradle cap and what makes it go away?

Will my teenager ever think I'm cool again?

Is green poop normal? OK, what about yellow poop?



When it comes to raising your child, no question is off limits.

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Ordering Promotional Materials

Fill out [Microsoft Form](#)

You can opt in to receive our quarterly newsletter, including information on Child Abuse Prevention Month

Scan the QR code to access the order form. →



Printable materials available at www.kcsl.org/resources

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

All Kansas communities and organizations are invited to celebrate CAP Month!

Visit www.kcsl.org to view the 2024 CAP Month Toolkit and Video (coming soon).

Scan the QR code to order pinwheels, yard signs, and other CAP materials.



Contact Us!

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Early Childhood
Systems Updates



JOHNSON COUNTY CHILD CARE PROVIDER FUNDING

Are you passionate about nurturing young minds and creating a positive impact in your community?

- Thanks to a grant from Child Care Aware and funding allocation from the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners, to support child care expansion in Johnson County, funding is available for a limited time for new and existing Johnson County child care providers
- Funding is available on a first come first serve basis until the allocated amount is spent
- To apply for funding or for any questions, please email Eldonna Chesnut at eldonna.chesnut@jocogov.org or Nancy Johnson at nancy.johnson@jocogov.org

Funding Opportunities



HEAD START

Major Head Start Changes Proposed!

- On November 20th the Office of Head Start issued a **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**, Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming, with major proposed updates to the **Head Start Program Performance Standards**
- This proposal represents the most consequential changes to Head Start since the 2015 reauthorization
- For an overview of the process and summary of proposed changes, visit **Head Start NPRM**
- Public comment period closes on January 19th

Express Your Opinion



EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCES

Camp GWC Early Childhood Annual Conference

- April 12 (virtual)-13 (in-person) in Wichita, KS
- Featuring a variety of workshops, keynote speakers, and networking opportunities designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of those working with children
- Learn more [here!](#)

Kansas Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (KAIMH) Conference

- April 18-19 in Overland Park, KS
- 9.5 hours of KDHE in-service
- Topics include: Diversity Informed Practices, Self-Care, Birth Equity & Infant Mental Health, and much more!
- Learn more and [Register Here](#) (Closes April 9th)

**Professional
Development**



REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- **Early Childhood Recommendations Panel Meeting**

Friday, January 19th – 9 am-11:30 am

- **Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar**

Wednesday, February 14th – 12-1:00 pm

- **Children's Cabinet Meeting**

Friday, February 2nd – 9 am-12 pm

You can find **all** these meetings and more on our Children's Cabinet YouTube channel!

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