

## Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR FEBRUARY 14, 2024



and Trust Fund

### WELCOME

- Webinar Cadence Updates
  - AIFKK webinars will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month in 2024
- Sign up to receive our All In For Kansas Kids e-Newsletter on the Children's Cabinet website – http://www.kschildrenscabinet.org/
- Presentation on the Early Childhood Integrated Data System by Emily Bertels Kaufman and Sushmita Samaddar of KU CPPR as well as information on Early Childhood Governance by Lindsay Orion of KU CPPR
- Early Childhood Systems Updates

## Agenda



#### 2024 Webinar Schedule

January 10<sup>th</sup>

February 14<sup>th</sup>

March 13<sup>th</sup>

April 10<sup>th</sup>

May 8th

June 12th

July 10th

August 14<sup>th</sup>

September 11<sup>th</sup>

October 9<sup>th</sup>

November 13<sup>th</sup>

December 11<sup>th</sup>

## INTRODUCTIONS

Emily Bertels Kaufman
Research Project Manager

Sushmita Samaddar Research Engineer Senior Introducing the Distinct Count of Children Served Dashboard





## COUNT OF CHILDREN SERVED DASHBOARD

- Goal
  - Identify the distinct number (unduplicated count) of Kansas children being served in programs across different data systems at the state level and present the information in a visual way.
  - Phase 1: Gather aggregate data from publicly-available data sources

- Initial focus on the 4 systems serving children in Kansas:
  - Child care
  - Public pre-K (including Part B)
  - Part C
  - Home Visiting





#### **Distinct Count of Children**

Karsas Early Childhood Data Trust

Data Governance ~

Distinct Count of Children

Authorized Projects ~

#### How many children are served in the Kansas early childhood care and education system?

#### Where are those children located? What services are they receiving?

As of 2022, there are a total of 212,462 children across Kansas (ACS 1 Year Estimates). To effectively serve those children and their families, the Kansas early childhood system must know our children. Use the data dishboard to see:

- about how many children are being served in each of the 4 major early care and education programs;
- · where children receive services by county and region;
- · who those children are by age, sex, race, and ethnicity;
- · plus other interactive features.

Are you a data enthusiast? Looking for program information?

Read about the programs featured and methodology.

All in one spot, with dynamic mapping and overlays. Turning data into actionable insights on behalf of our youngest Kansans.

## Landing page:

## https://kschildrenscabinet.org/ distinct-count-of-children/

- Context & high-level insights
  - Link to methodology page
  - Link to dashboard

Total Approximate Count of Children Birth Through 5 Served in 2023

113,523 Children

Disclaimer

Explore the interactive data dashboard

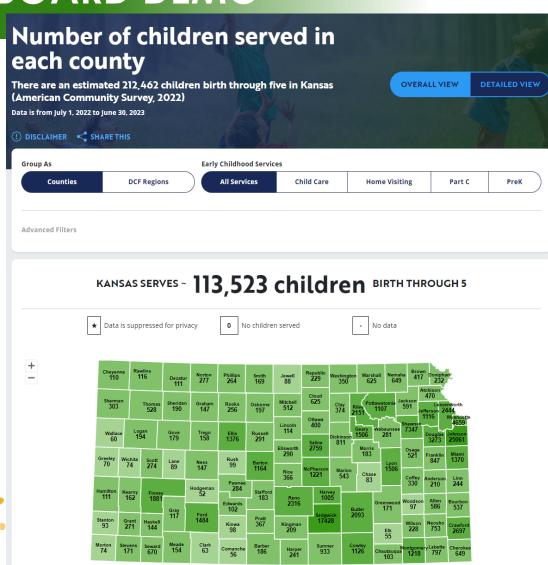


## COUNT OF CHILDREN SERVED DASHBOARD DEMO

- Pop-up for general disclaimers
- Context in header text
- Overall view map
  - Counties or DCF region groupings
  - All Services, Child Care, Home Visiting, Part C, or PreK
  - Darker greens indicate higher counts

## **Basic Functionality**



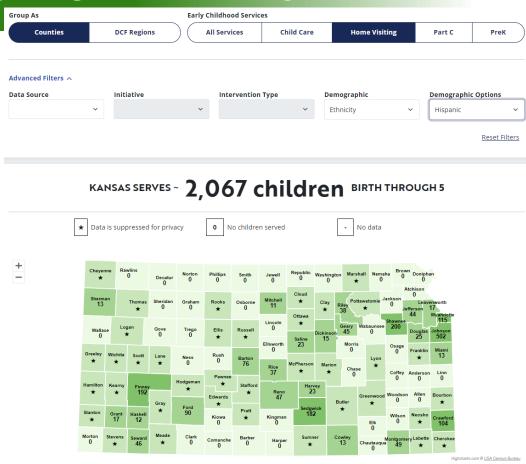


## COUNT OF CHILDREN SERVED DASHBOARD DEMO

- Use case: Organization conducting a needs assessment to determine opportunities to expand equitable capacity to deliver home visiting
  - Organization is familiar with areas and regions in Kansas with higher proportions of children with identified ethnicity as Hispanic
  - Organization uses the dashboard to compile counts of children in this area served by various home visiting models.

# Advanced Filters & Use Case 1





#### Advanced filters used

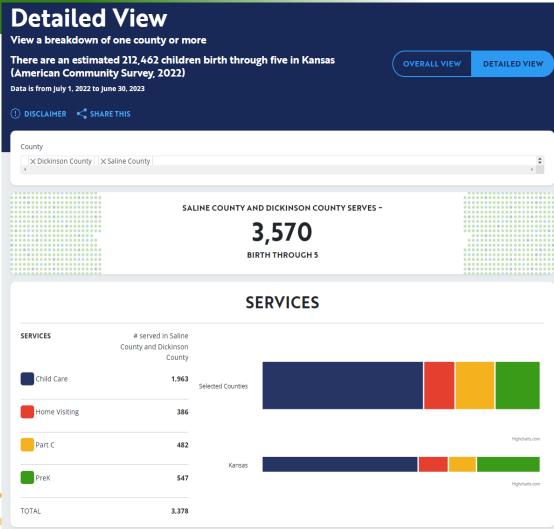
- Home Visiting:Ethnicity:Hispanic
- Home Visiting:All Data Sources:All Initiatives:Parents as Teachers:Ethnicity:Hispanic

## COUNT OF CHILDREN SERVED DASHBOARD DEMO

- Use case: Legislator Asking About Their District
  - A state senator asks an agency about early childhood services in their district.
     A new company would like to locate in one of the cities within their district.
  - The state senator wants to provide accurate information as talking points for a delegation of the business leaders and chamber members.

# Detail View & Use Case 2





#### Detail view used:

 Saline & Dickinson counties (KS Senate District 24)

## COUNT OF CHILDREN SERVED DASHBOARD DATA

- This version of the dashboard might lack certain data sources or programs (for example privately funded home visiting or federally funded Head Start).
- Some data sources lacked demographic information, impacting certain views on the dashboard.
- Counts for some programs (like Parents as Teachers from KSDE) were calculated as per provider location.
- The KS ECIDS team worked with aggregate data for many data sources, so were unable to deduplicate across programs and services in some cases.

The methodology document outlines what's included or excluded in the dashboard for feasibility and access reasons.

## **Key Disclaimers**



## COUNT OF CHILDREN SERVED DASHBOARD CONTEXT

### Kansas Early Childhood Data Trust

- share data and information to improve the quality, effectiveness, and equity of programs and services
- Authorized Project 1: ECBG and the Prevention of Foster Care Removals
- Authorized Project 2: Distinct Count of Children in Early Care and Education Services

## Dashboard plans

- Census data
- Next year's data
- Additional explanatory text
- Exploring additional improvements, guided by feedback from users
- Stellar Insights webinars: sharing knowledge, identifying needs, nurturing collaboration

# Context & Future Plans



## **RESOURCES**

- Link to the dashboard: <a href="https://kschildrenscabinet.org/distinct-count-of-children/">https://kschildrenscabinet.org/distinct-count-of-children/</a>
- Link to methodology documentation: <a href="https://kschildrenscabinet.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Dashboard-Methodology.pdf">https://kschildrenscabinet.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Dashboard-Methodology.pdf</a>
- Contact information: ECIDS@ku.edu





## Early Childhood Governance

LINDSAY ORION, KU CPPR



## EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE

- Kansas <u>Executive Order 20-02</u> designates the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care
- The Panel is an advisory group to the Children's Cabinet to support these responsibilities

#### KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD **GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE** GOVERNOR KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND (Designated as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care) STATE DIRECTORS TEAM **EARLY CHILDHOOD** RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL Home Visiting Leadership Group Kansas Family Leadership Team State Interagency ECCE Workforce Coordinating Council<sup>56</sup> Development Committee Links to Quality (Quality Rating Maternal Child Health Council and Improvement System) Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Child Care Systems Improvement Team Council's Children's Subcommittee57 EARLY CHILDHOOD STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

### EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- Meets monthly on the third Friday: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Live streamed on the Children's Cabinet YouTube channel
- Kansans' Open Forum Comment Form: submit written comments or sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during the Kansans Open Forum portion of the meeting
- Meeting materials are posted at <u>kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings</u>

## Meetings



### EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE SUMMIT

- 2024 Summit Friday, February 16 | 9:00 11:30 a.m.
  - Live streamed on the Children's Cabinet YouTube channel
- Goal Bring Early Childhood Governance Groups Together to:
  - Discuss opportunities for how we can work together to best accomplish the goals of the All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan
  - Share and celebrate each group's progress to date and discuss group goals and potential challenges in 2024
  - Make connections across the early childhood system for current and future work

## Overview



## EARLY CHILDHOOD GROUPS

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel
- Child Care Systems Improvement Team
- Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council's Children's Subcommittee
- Family Advisory Council
- Family First Statewide Interagency and Community Advisory Board
- Family Leadership Team

- Home Visiting Leadership Group
- Kansas Early Childhood Data Trust Governing Board
- Kansas Early Learning Standards
- Maternal Child Health Council
- State Interagency Coordinating Council
- Quality Recognition and Improvement System Advisory Board
- Workforce Development Advisory Group

## **Presenters**



## 2023 EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE SUMMIT

- The 2023 Summit featured updates from 13 different groups who support and inform programs and services across the Kansas early childhood mixed delivery system.
- Summary of the event can be found on the Children's Cabinet website

Summary





Early Childhood Systems Updates



## THE CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANT NETWORK AT CHILD CARE AWARE OF KANSAS

NEW provider grant opportunities are ending soon! Any new, licensed child care providers that have opened their doors in the last 3 months may be eligible!

- Health and Safety Grant: Applications due by March 7<sup>th</sup>
- Start-Up Stipend: Applications due by March 21st

Please reach out to the Child Care Health Consultant Network for more information!

Email: cchc@ks.childcareaware.org Phone: (785) 823-3343 Website: CCHC - Child Care Aware

# Grants and Funding Opportunities



## EARLY LEARNING ADVOCACY DAY

Advocacy Day begins at the Kansas Health Institute to learn about advocating and telling your story. Later in the Statehouse, you can meet with your lawmakers, connect with early learning advocates, and have lunch with other professionals.

- March 6, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, in Topeka, KS
- Learn more and Register Here by February 23rd

## Early Childhood Resources

#### **Programs Include:**

- You Belong Here Elevate Your Voice
- •Reading in the Rotunda
- Lawmaker Visits
- House and Senate Chamber Proceedings
- •Early Learning Caucus
- ·Lawmaker Debrief
- Capitol Building Tours

### EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCES

#### Governor's Public Health Conference

- March 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS
- Join us for a transformative experience as we bring together national speakers, state leaders, and regional experts to address crucial issues in public health. Together we aim to build a healthier and more resilient Kansas!
- Learn more and register <u>here!</u>

#### Camp GWC Early Childhood Annual Conference

- April 12 (virtual)-13 (in-person) at the Hyatt Regency 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 <u>here!</u>

# Professional Development



#### REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

2024 Early Childhood Governance Summit

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – 9 am-11:30 am

Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> – 12-1:00 pm

Children's Cabinet Meeting

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 9 am-12 pm

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

## **Stay Connected!**





## Stay Up to Date



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