



# Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024



# CHILD CARE REGULATIONS TIMELINE

- **April 24, 2023:** KDHE reg review project began
- **June 24, 2023:** First public engagement session
- **July 22, 2023:** Second public engagement session.
- **September 27, 2023:** Internal concurrence completed by KDHE
- **September 28, 2023:** Regulation packet sent to DoA for review
- **October 9, 2023:** Approved by DoA; submitted to the Office of the Attorney General (AG)

**KDHE Update**



# CHILD CARE REGULATIONS TIMELINE

- **March 19, 2024:** Approved by Office of the Attorney General
- **March 28, 2024:** Notice of Public Hearing – Public Comment period began
- **April 25, 2024:** Presented to Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.
- **June 4, 2024:** The public hearing on proposed changes – end of public comment
- **July 18, 2024:** Publication in the Kansas Register
- **August 2, 2024: Regulations take full effect**

**KDHE Update**







# Welcome & Approval of Minutes

DON HINEMAN, CHAIR





# Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants

CHRISTIE WYCKOFF, EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATOR

MELISSA ROOKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# OVERVIEW

Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) is a federal program that funds states to develop, operate, expand, and enhance community-based programs aimed at preventing child abuse and supporting families:

- **Primary prevention** includes efforts targeted to the broader community to strengthen families and prevent the likelihood of abuse or neglect.
- **Secondary prevention** efforts are targeted to special populations as a means of strengthening families and providing prevention services

CBCAP Proposal





# PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

- Strong community partnerships focused on child and family well-being
- Authentic engagement and partnership with individuals with lived experience to co-design, implement, and evaluate services
- Build a system that promotes family well-being throughout the life course

**CBCAP Proposal**



# PROPOSAL SUMMARY

- Proposals Received: 25
  - Funding Requested: \$5,198,235
  - Estimated Funding Available\*: \$1,842,892
    - FFY2024 Federal Award: \$1,623,085
    - Carry Forward from FFY2024: \$219,807

\*Funding approved by KCCTF is pending Congressional budget action and formal federal award notice

- Funding Recommended: \$1,838,051

**CBCAP Proposal**





# TIMELINE

- May 21: Request for Proposals (RFP) released and Kansas CommonApp portal opens
- May 25: Technical assistance webinar held for applicants
- June 20: Technical Assistance webinar held for external reviewers
- June 28: Applications due at 5pm CST
- July 1 – August 1: Application Review Period
- August 2: Recommendations presented to KCCTF voting members
- Oct 1: Federal Fiscal Grant Year Begins

**CBCAP Proposal**



# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED

- Technical Assistance Included:
  - Questions related to RFP (answered directly and included in online FAQ)
  - Help Desk Support for KS CommonApp
  - Webinar training for external reviewers
  - Webinar information session for applicants

**CBCAP Proposal**



# CBCAP FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>FY25 Funding</b>
Barton County Health Department – Family Crisis Center (New Grantee)	\$160,956
The Family Conservancy – Healthy Parents, Healthy Kids	\$146,914
The Family Resource Center – Family Response Advocate	\$191,341
Kansas Children’s Service League – Parent Child Assistance Program	\$184,416
Kansas Children’s Service League – Crisis Nursery & Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention	\$218,123
Lawrence – Douglas County Health Department – Mi Apoyo Prenatal	\$151,801
Pony Express Partnership for Children – Family Support Program	\$234,500
Southeast Kansas Library System	\$150,000
Kansas Children’s Service League – Statewide Prevention	\$400,000
<b>Total Grantee Awards</b>	<b>\$1,838,051</b>
<i>Federal Award Received FY24</i>	\$1,647,210

# CBCAP APPLICANTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Application Name	New or Existing Applicant	Funding Request
Sunflower Children's Collective	New	\$150,000
Success By 6 Coalition of Douglas County	New	\$99,369
Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center Integrated Care - CBCAP	New	\$200,000
Central Kansas Mental Health Center	New	\$294,551
Safe Start Community Project	New	\$195,038
Nurture KC (for the Promise 1000 - Home Visiting Collective)	New	\$244,804
Community Children's Center	Existing	\$298,724
Supporting and Strengthening Minority Families	New	\$239,423
PDS Programs - Indian Heights UMC	New	\$278,980
Elizabeth Layton Center - Circle of Security	Existing	\$103,811
Doniphan Darlings, Inc.	New	\$55,452
Child Start	New	\$169,292
Kansas State University: Protect & Connect KS	New	\$176,123
Racial Equity Collaborative, Inc.	New	\$250,000
Smith County Family Abuse Prevention Program	New	\$194,019
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,949,586</b>



# FY25 SERVICE MAP



☆ New grantee

\*Kansas Children's Service League (Statewide) covers all 105 counties

**Yellow:** Barton County Health Department, Family Crisis Center

**Orange:** Parent Child Assistance Program (Kansas Children's Service League)

**Dark Blue:** Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Mi Apoyo Prenatal

**Dark Blue:** Southeast Kansas Library System

**Red:** The Family Conservancy

**Pink:** The Family Resource Center, Family Response Advocates

**Green:** Wichita Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention & Sedgwick County Crisis Nursery (Kansas Children's Service League)

**Light Blue:** Pony Express Partnership for Children

# CBCAP GRANT PROPOSAL

- Motion
  - Second
  - Vote
- Dr. Tyler Smith
  - Monica Murnan
  - DiAnne Owen Graham
  - Dr. LeEtta Felter
  - Sen. Renee Erickson
  - Rep. Kristey Williams
  - Cabinet Chair, Don Hineman

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# 2024 All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan

MELISSA ROOKER





# ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS STRATEGIC PLAN

- Completed - Summer 2024
- Responsive to 2024 Needs Assessment
- Extensive rounds of feedback and opportunities for input
- Deliverable for PDG B-5 Planning Grant (*Awarded December 2022*)
- Available Online (once approved) Children's Cabinet Website: [kschildrenscabinet.org/strategic-plan](https://kschildrenscabinet.org/strategic-plan)



PILLAR 1

## Ecosystem

When we speak of early childhood in Kansas, we are describing an ecosystem focused on your families centered around the Blueprint's three Building Blocks—Strong Families, Early Health Development. This ecosystem, depicted in the graphic on page 14, includes people from the state; the systems in which these resources are funded, administered, and evaluated; and local programming and community services designed to support thriving families. The early childhood ecosystem also considers other supports families may need: health care, behavioral health services, and employment supports.

With a focus on family well-being in addition to services that directly support young children, our early childhood ecosystem are collaborating more than ever before. Kansas leaders have moved from insulated work within individual state agencies and moving toward more unified decision-making and cross-cutting solutions. Goals and actions in this pillar are created to guide collaboration and to prioritize child and family well-being more efficiently to meet a wider range of needs. Pillar 1 is also about nurturing the ecosystem by creating new resources, increasing capacity, and building partnerships, and using data to improve outcomes for all Kansas children and families.

**GOAL 2** Connect families to the right service at the right time through comprehensive networks of resources and programs.

**Actions**

- 2.1 Inventory existing local networks that help families connect to services. Promote successful models and of "no wrong door" approaches for families.
- 2.2 Create and communicate the bright spots and lessons learned around referral and care coordination networks in local communities. Use allforkansaskids.org, government communication channels, and community coalition meetings to promote peer-to-peer learning and widespread adoption of proven practices.
- 2.3 Increase family uptake of 1-800-CHILDREN® as a trusted information source. Increase provider 1-800-CHILDREN to facilitate provider-to-provider referrals.
- 2.4 Develop community- and family-informed benchmarks for seamless navigation of the early childhood ecosystem. Invest in resources that help communities ensure the full range of local services meets these benchmarks.
- 2.5 Increase the number of community-based referral networks that include both early childhood and health care providers to support stronger cross-sector relationships and to help identify and address social determinants of health.

**Framework**

This strategic plan is organized to follow the 2024 All In For Kansas Kids and actions arranged in three pillars of emphasis: the ecosystem of our children, and the experiences of children and families. Goals, and each pillar after a brief introduction. Goals broadly describe priority outcomes the work ahead while allowing flexibility for ecosystem-specific workplans and timelines. Metrics are intended to measure progress match for each action, they capture what it means to achieve strategic goals.

**Strategic Plan Organization**

**Pillars**

- Ecosystem
- Early Childhood Work for Environment

**Goals, Actions, and Metrics**

**GOAL 1** State desired outcomes

1.1 Detailed steps to achieve goal

**Progress**

Data points to know direction of where we are

ALL IN FOR KANSAS KIDS STRATEGIC PLAN 2024



# STRATEGIC PLAN VISION

## Every Child Thrives

All children will have their basic needs met and have equitable access to quality early childhood opportunities, so they are prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

**Strategic Plan**



# STRATEGIC PLAN INTRODUCTION

## Commitment Statement

### Background

- Importance of Early Childhood
- What do Our Youngest Kansans Need (featuring NA Findings)
- Our Children's Future

### Plan Framework

- 3 Pillars, 15 Goals, 111 Actions, Indicators of progress

**Strategic Plan**



# KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD ECOSYSTEM

## What is the Kansas EC Ecosystem?

- Anchored by Blueprint for Early Childhood
- 4 state agencies provide funding and administer/manage programs across ECE
- Includes a range of positions, services, and resources to support young children and their families – supported by Thriving Communities.



Strategic Plan



### Blueprint for Early Childhood

Foundational Building Blocks



Healthy Development



Strong Families



Early Learning

# STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

## Ecosystem

- State and Local Collaboration to meet child and family needs
- Communities connect families to the right resources at the right time
- Use data to measure impact and improve programs
- Expand resources to help increase capacity, including public-private partnerships

## Workforce

- Increase compensation and financial sustainability
- Prioritize professional advancement and development opportunities
- Grow the overall ECE workforce capacity
- Improve quality of environments and services provided by the ECE workforce

## Children & Families

- Prioritize well-being and mental health of children and families
- Engage families in meaningful ways to improve programs
- Invest in the meeting the basic needs of families with young children
- Help families make informed decisions about – and access – the services their children need.

**Strategic Plan**





# PATHWAYS TO ACTION

## State-Level Opportunities

- EC Recommendations Panel
- Family Leadership Team or Family First Advisory Board
- Child Care Systems Improvement Team
- State Home Visiting Leadership Team
- Maternal Child Health Council

## Take Action Locally

- Community-led Child Care Coalitions
- Local Interagency Coordinating Councils
- Family Resource Centers
- Parent Engagement Groups
- Local LiveWell or Healthy Community Groups
- Local Chambers

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# CALL TO ACTION

## Maximize Investments in Early Childhood

- Establish/strengthen private sector partnerships
- Utilize flexibility in federal funding to optimize impact (braiding sources to meet priority needs)
- Make strategic, state-level investments that leverages local investments and boosts sustainability

**Strategic Plan**



## A Plan for All of Us in the Ecosystem

- Families and caregivers
- Policymakers
- Business and community leaders
- Service organizations
- Professionals caring for our children

**Strategic Plan**





# Early Childhood Advisory Council

MELISSA ROOKER





# ROLE OF THE KANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- The Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel is an **advisory group** to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund created by EO 20-02
- Meeting materials are posted at [kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings](https://kschildrenscabinet.org/panel-meetings)



**State-Level  
Coordination**



# FAMILY FRIENDLY WORKPLACES

The Kansas Children's Cabinet, in its role as the state Early Childhood Advisory Council, recommends adoption of the [Family Friendly Workplace Survey](#) and the [Guide to Family Forward Workplaces](#) as tools employers can use to select and implement family-friendly policies best suited to their workplace and encourages Kansas employers to implement family-friendly workplace practices, as appropriate for their business, to strengthen families, businesses, and the Kansas economy.

The Cabinet will:

- 1) include the [Family Friendly Workplace Survey](#) and the [Guide to Family Forward Workplaces](#) on the [All in for Kansas Kids website](#) and
- 2) encourage partners and state agencies, such as Labor and Commerce, to help Kansas employers implement family-friendly policies using existing resources.

**Recommendation**



# FAMILY FRIENDLY WORKPLACES RECOMMENDATION

- Motion
- Second
- Vote

- Dr. Tyler Smith
- Monica Murnan
- DiAnne Owen Graham
- Dr. LeEtta Felter
- Sen. Renee Erickson
- Rep. Kristey Williams
- Cabinet Chair, Don Hineman

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Agency Updates





# EX-OFFICIOS

- **Matthew Billinger**

- Kansas Department of Corrections,  
Juvenile Justice Authority

- **Amanda Petersen**

- Kansas State Department  
of Education

- **Dena Russell-Marino**

- Kansas Supreme Court, Office of  
Judicial Administration

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# Director's Update

MELISSA ROOKER



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: October 4** (*location tbd*)

## 2024 Meeting Schedule

- October 4
- December 6

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