

All In For Kansas Kids



Early Childhood Recommendations Panel



MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2024



WELCOME

Thank you for serving Kansas children, their families, and our state's early childhood care and education professionals!

This is a remote meeting.

- Today's meeting materials are posted on the [Panel Meetings webpage](#) on the Children's Cabinet site.
- Panel members will clearly identify themselves when they begin speaking.
- Panel members can use the "raise hand" feature to show they are ready to share.

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome
- Approval of October Agenda
- Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- Kansans' Open Forum
- Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council Update
- Preschool Development B-5 Renewal Grant Overview
- Work Group Reports
- Bright Spots & Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn (*work groups will meet following meeting*)

ACTION ITEMS

Panel members - please clearly identify yourself when you begin speaking to make and second a motion.

- Approval of October agenda
- Approval of September minutes



KANSANS' OPEN FORUM

Kansans are encouraged to submit comments through the [Kansans' Open Forum Comment](#) Form by 5:00 p.m. the day preceding each meeting to share written comments or to sign up to share verbal comments with the Panel during this portion of the meeting.



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Kansas Interagency
Coordinating Council (SICC)

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Interagency Coordinating Council

2022 Panel recommendation for SICC-LICC Collaboration Strategies



The mission of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services is to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with, or at risk of, developmental delays from birth through age five and their families.

Kansasicc.ksde.org

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- State Interagency Coordinating Council – SICC
- Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services – KCCECDS
- MOA between KDHE, KSDE, and DCF to fund the work of the SICC and to have KSDE oversee the work.
- Kansasicc.ksde.org



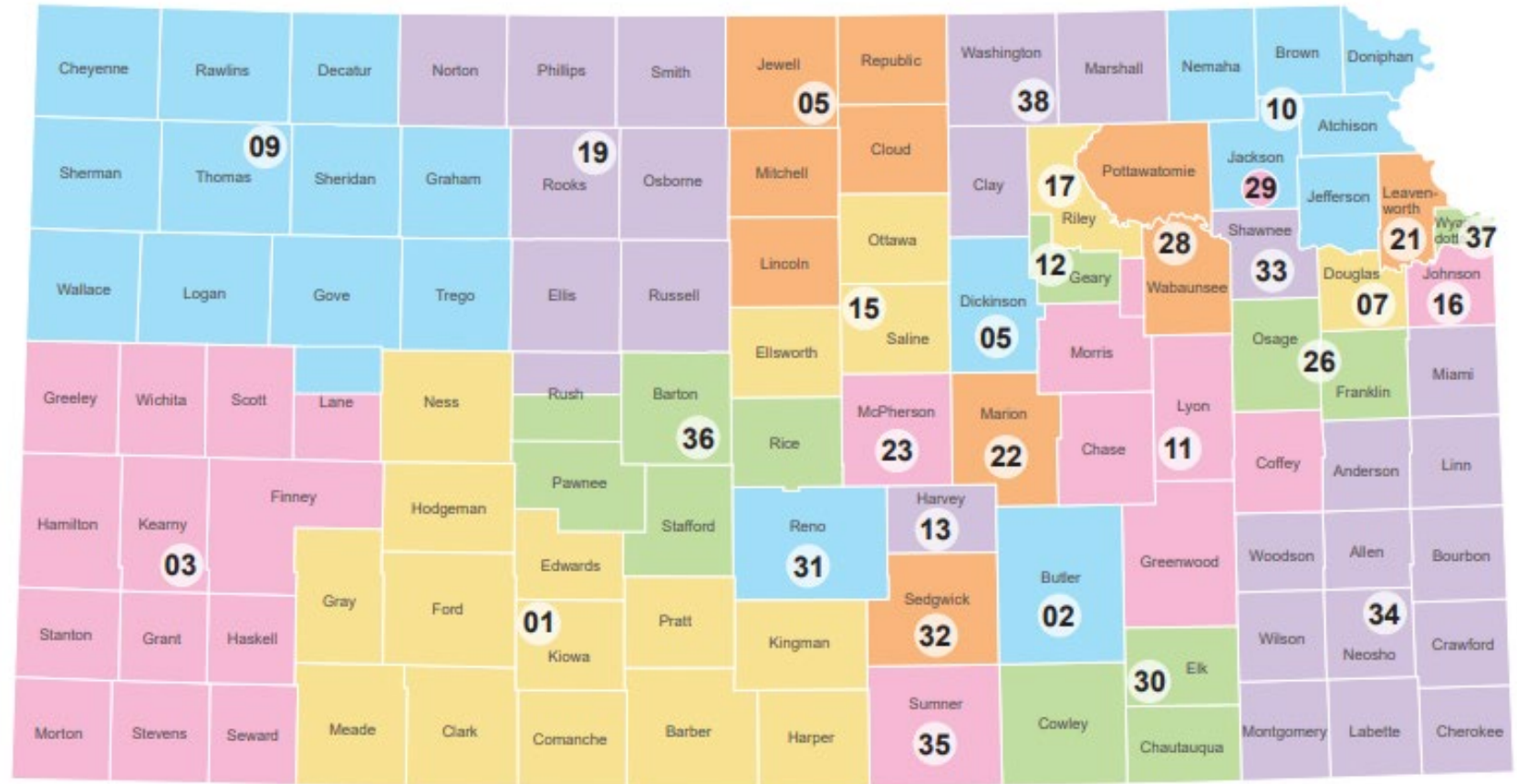
Local Interagency Coordinating Council - LICC

Requirement of Infant Toddler Part C programs

Local Interagency Coordinating Councils, or LICCs, are comprised of community members with an invested interest in an interagency system of service provision for children aged birth to five and their families.

The state of Kansas Administration Regulation 28-4-565 states that “Each community shall have a local interagency coordinating council (LICC) that has as one of its purposes, the coordination of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families”.

29 Local Interagency Coordinating Councils





- LICCs, in their role of advice and assist, are responsible for:
 - Child find activities
 - Communication and collaboration among community partners on issues pertinent to young children and their families.
 - LICCs can also help with activities involving public awareness and professional development,
 - Advising the lead agency with matters of policy & resource development
 - Identifying Part C program's lead agency and fiscal agent
 - Reviewing and approving the local Part C program grant



Recommendation Statement: The Kansas Children’s Cabinet, in its role as the Early Childhood Advisory Council, recommends the State Interagency Coordinating Council and Local Interagency Coordinating Councils collaborate to implement the following strategies:

- Broaden local ICC participation and membership through strategies such as: holding meetings outside the normal 9-5 hours, provide stipends for time and/or travel, provide/support childcare for council members.
- Research funding opportunities to provide stipends to early childhood care and education professionals/family members for their time spent serving on the State and Local ICCs.
- Promote communication of LICC members, to create awareness of community resources and share them throughout their communities to address the needs of children/families with developmental delays, disabilities, and/or special health care needs.
- Sponsor community engagement events, provide informational materials, and identify how can these events and resources can be networking opportunities, while informing their community partners about the challenges of families and professionals in working with, and addressing the needs of, children with developmental delays, disabilities, and/or special health care needs.
- Propose monies be included in the State ICC budget to fund community projects proposed by LICCs in support of the All In for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan, Goal 2.



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- Grants of up to \$2000 were offered to LICCs to pay stipends to family members participating in meetings and/or for events to engage families and illicit feedback on services for young children in their community.
 - Three LICCs received funds (Six LICCs applied) .
 - Two parent cafes were held in which stipends were given.
- The SICC covers the travel cost for members to attend in person meetings and for childcare. Beginning in September 2024, family members are reimbursed \$20 per hour for attending virtual and in person SICC meetings.
- LICC membership has broadened
 - Average of 18 member before (2019) to currently 25 members (2022)
 - Significant increase in Community Service Agency, Higher Education, School District, and local business representation.
 - The collaboration among members remains high even through the communication has decreased somewhat.



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- Promoted 1-800-Children and encouraged all LICC members to check their information on 1-800-Children and update information.
 - New Early childhood tab
 - The local Infant Toddler Services are 1st resource listed under early intervention
- SICC has promoted inviting a diverse groups to LICCs
- Funding for community awareness events & promotional materials
- LICC Retreat (3 years)



Sponsor community engagement events, provide informational materials, and identify how can these events and resources can be networking opportunities, while informing their community partners about the challenges of families and professionals in working with, and addressing the needs of, children with developmental delays, disabilities, and/or special health care needs.

- SICC sponsors KDEC conference
- Provided 12 LICC grants for community engagement events. Several LICCs held 2 community engagement events with the funds.
- Two LICCs in southwest Kansas (26 counties) used grants to help sponsor a 2-day professional development event.

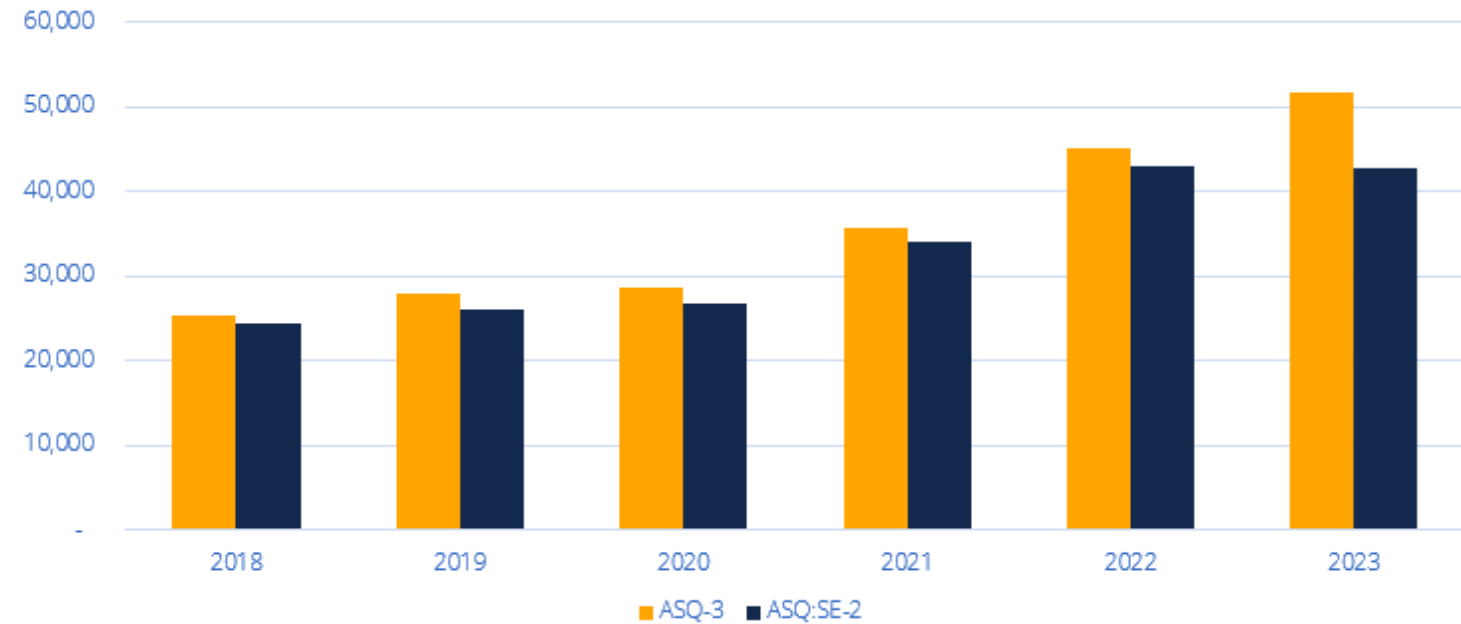


Propose monies be included in the State ICC budget to fund **community projects proposed by LICCs** in support of the All In for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan, Goal 2. (Community Level Engagement)

- LICC grants
- LICCs with diverse members
- Referrals have increased
 - Number of children served by I.T. has increased
- ASQ – developmental screener



Number of Kansas children screened





**SICC Grants to
Local Interagency Coordinating Councils to
Support a Comprehensive System of Services by
Increasing Community Awareness and Family Participation.**

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

LICC / Infant Toddler program	# of counties served	Amount	Purpose
KS02 Butler County Family & Child Development Task Force	1	2000.00	Program promotional materials & Community child development event
KS03 Southwest KS Early childhood Coalition	26*	4000.00	*Includes KS01 Arrowhead West ICC Professional development on neurodiversity
KS 05 OCCK ITS	5	2000.00	Community child development event
KS05 OCCK ITS- Dickinson County Early Childhood Council	1	2000.00	Community child development event
KS07 Douglas County ICC	1	2000.00	Parent engagement events
KS 15 Salina Infant Child Development / PIECE	3	1999.50	Community child development events
KS16 ITS of Johnson County	1	2000.00	Conscious Discipline training for providers
KS21 Leavenworth ICC	1	2000.00	Parent reimbursement, Community Awareness materials, & professional development
KS22 Marion County Early Childhood Task Force	1	2000.00	Parent reimbursement & Dolly Parton Imagination Library promotional materials
KS23 McKids Advisory	1	2000.00	Professional development & Child development event

KS30 REACH ICC- Winfield	3	2000.00	Community outreach materials and child development events
KS31 Reno County Early Childhood Council	1	2000.00	Conscious Discipline training for providers and families
KS32 Sedgwick County ECCC	1	2000.00	Community & family engagement event
KS35 Sumner County LICC	1	1932.00	Community outreach materials & family reimbursement for LICC meetings
KS36 Sunflower Central Kansas ICC	5	2000.00	Community child development event
KS37 Wyandotte County LICC	1	2000.00	Parent engagement events
Totals	53	\$33,931.50	



Overall:

- \$33,931.50 in LICC grants to increase community awareness and family participation
- Increase in the size and diversity of LICCs
- Took action to increase family engagement



Moving forward:

- Continuing LICC grants
- Improving meaningful engagement of family members on SICCC and LICC
- Increasing the effectiveness of LICCs
- Supporting an increase in developmental screeners



SICC goals for 2024-2025

- Maximize Medicaid reimbursement for Part C and Part B 619 programs
- Maximize Categorical Aid reimbursement for Part C programs
- Increase inclusion practices for preschool aged children
- Assure alignment with the *All in for Kansas Kids* strategic plan
 - Improve the availability of reliable resources and information for parents in a centralized location
 - improve the availability of mental health resources for providers and caregivers
 - Improve the recruitment and retention of the local workforce by collaborating with others

*Continue the networking and professional development opportunities by hosting the Fall LICC Retreat

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Preschool Development
B-5 Renewal Grant

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GRANT OVERVIEW

- Kansas was one of 10 states awarded
- Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund is grantee
- Approximately \$7 million per year anticipated
- Grant will run from 9/30/2024 – 9/29/2027 (pending annual Congressional approval)
- This is Kansas' fourth PDG award
- PDG funding specifically supports strengthening early childhood systems – in Kansas, these efforts are guided by the *All in for Kansas Kids* Strategic Plan

PDG



GRANT OVERVIEW

- Activity One: Statewide B-5 Needs Assessment
- Activity Two: Statewide B-5 Strategic Plan
- Activity Three: Maximize Family Participation and Engagement
- Activity Four: Support the B-5 Workforce
- Activity Five: Support Program Quality Improvements
- Activity Six: Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access



GRANT OVERVIEW

- General Activity: Strengthen ECE Systems
- Bonus Activity One: Increase Workforce Pay and Benefits
- Bonus Activity Two: Support Social-Emotional Development and Mental Health



GRANT OVERVIEW

- Strengthening AIFKK System-level Knowledge, Collaboration, and Communication
 - 2024 Needs Assessment Gap Analyses: Rural Family Care, Family Child Care, Early Childhood Mental Health
 - Implementation of 2024 Strategic Plan & Identifying quality indicators
 - Further development of AllInforKansasKids.org
 - ECIDS dashboard maintenance
 - ECCE Champion and Leader Future Fellows Cohorts



GRANT OVERVIEW

- Early Childhood Workforce Initiatives
 - Increased access to specialized care and mental health professional development
 - Expansion of child care substitute care model
 - Enhancements to Kansas' new Cape Portal
 - Health insurance stipends and exchange navigation support for child care professionals
 - Expansion of Baby Steps infant/toddler incentives model



GRANT OVERVIEW

- Family Resources and Navigation
 - Exploration of tools to support family navigation across mixed delivery system (online platform using AI and streamlined enrollment)
 - Expansion of family access to ASQ screenings – via family-friendly online resources and trainings/outreach to health care practitioners, universal home visitors, and maternal child health system
 - Reimbursement for translation and interpretation services



GRANT OVERVIEW

- State/Local Partnerships and Community Collaboration
 - Child Care Zones Pilot – state-local partnership grants to support locally-driven solutions to child care
 - Business roundtables to strengthen public/private partnerships
 - Consulting to help communities build local-level referral practices
 - Regional early childhood care conferences for families and professionals



HOW TO STAY CONNECTED

- Executive summary will be shared after meeting
- Follow *All in for Kansas Kids* communications channels – weekly newsletter, monthly webinars, AllInforKansasKids.org for updates
- See a connection with your work or role with the Panel?
Let us know!



QUESTIONS?

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PDG



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Work Group Reports



WORK GROUPS

- Family Friendly Workplaces
- Workforce: Exit Interviews
- Workforce: Mental Health Supports
- Workforce: Targeted Journey Recruitment
- System Progress Communications

Overview



WORKFORCE: TARGETED JOURNEY RECRUITMENT

Potential Goals / Areas of Focus:

- Compensation (seek out information from previous workgroups)
- Internships and Apprenticeships (seek out information from previous work groups)
- Recruitment of DCF providers
- Recruitment in general

Workgroup Report



WORKFORCE: TARGETED JOURNEY RECRUITMENT

Questions / Next Steps:

- Is there any current data that shows how many students are in paid internships or what paid apprenticeships (both secondary and higher ed) are available in Kansas?
- Recommendation to invite Taylor Spangler to one of our workgroup meetings to discuss internships and apprenticeships.
- Interest in exploring funding from mill levies to support apprenticeships and internships.

Workgroup Report



BRIGHT AND SPOTS UPCOMING MEETINGS

****Bright Spots – Panel members are invited to share****

Reminder: Post Meeting Survey

- Look for an email from Lindsay for an opportunity to provide feedback

Upcoming Meetings:

- CCSIT Regional Roundtable – November 12, 2024, Abilene (6:00-7:30 pm)
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel – November 15, 9:00 a.m.
- Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund – December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Livestream via [KCCTF YouTube](#)





Adjourn





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