



Annual Report

Kansas Coordinating Council
on Early Childhood Developmental Services
State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

The mission of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services is to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with or at risk for developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.

INTRODUCTION

The Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) is based in both federal law and state statute. This council is responsible for advising and assisting the Kansas governor, legislature and state agencies on matters that impact Kansas families with children, ages birth to 5, who have, or are at risk for, developmental delays and to ensure a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas for these children. The majority of the council members are appointed by the governor (e.g., parents, providers, members of the general public). The remainder of the council members are appointed by state agency heads:

- Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
- Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- Kansas Department for Aging and Disabilities Services (KDADS)
- Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)
- Kansas Insurance Commissioner

There also are two Kansas legislators selected by the Legislative Coordinating Council and an appointed representative for Head Start/Early Head Start.

Council activities are guided by statute, by-laws and the mission statement and are largely driven by the annual strategic planning meeting and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA-Attachment #1) with state agency partners.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

During Fiscal Year 2024, the council focused on community services and functions of SICC. Topics included:

- Services to children and families by local Part C programs
- Memorandum of Understanding for Transitions from Part C to Part B
- Supports for Local ICCs (LICCs)
- Medicaid reimbursements to local programs
- Improve the centralized state resource referral for early childhood resources
- recruitment and retention of local workforce through collaboration
- increase the availability of mental health resources for providers and caregivers

See attachment #12 for a list of goals.

KANSAS ICC ROSTER 2022-2023

Name	Position on Council	Email	Term expires
David Lindeman (Chair)	KBOR representative	lindeman@ku.edu	N/A
Lisa Collette (Vice Chair)	Kansas Insurance Commissioner representative	Lisa.Collette@ks.gov	N/A
Susan Bowles	Provider member	gslbowles@gmail.com	July 31, 2023
Nichelle Adams	Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) representative	Nichelle.Adams@ks.gov	N/A
Sydney Dringman	Kansas DCF foster care representative	sydney.dringman@ks.gov	N/A
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena	Parent member	lizb@ksu.edu	July 31, 2024
Kim Campbell	Parent member	Campbellkim_82@yahoo.com	July 31, 2027
Breanna Clark	Parent member	bfmasterson@gmail.com	July 31, 2027
Courtney Hochman	Public member	hochmancj@gmail.com	July 31, 2027
Monica Ross	Provider member coord.	Monica.ross@itsjc.org	July 31, 2026
Erin Schuweiler	Provider member KSSDB	eschuweiler@kssdb.org	July 31, 2025
Ann Elliott	Provider member/childcare	ann@frcpittsburg.org	July 31, 2024
Marites Altuna	Provider member FIT	maltuna@kssdb.org	July 31, 2027
Hilary Crist	Provider member SLP	aslclslp@gmail.com	July 31, 2027
Tricia Waggoner	Part C coordinator and KDHE representative	tricia.waggoner@ks.gov	N/A
Julie Rand	Part B/619 coordinator and KSDE representative	jrand@ksde.org	N/A
Diana Martinez	Head Start/Early Head Start	dmartinez@thefamilyconservancy.org	July 31, 2023

Christie Wyckoff For Melissa Rooker	Governor's representative, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund	cnwyckoff@ksde.org	N/A
Laura Leistra	Medicaid Office	Laura.D.Leistra@ks.gov	N/A
Gary Henault	KDADS representative	Gary.henault@ks.gov	N/A
Renee Erickson	Kansas Senator	Renee.erickson@senate.ks.gov	July 31, 2026
Susan Ruiz	Kansas Representative	Sueruiz46@gmail.com	July 31, 2026

Ex-Officio members:

Stacy Clarke	Staff to the SICC	sclarke@ksde.org	N/A
Lesli Girard	Families Together	Lesli@famieliestogetherinc.org	N/A
Kim Kennedy	Ex-officio member	Kimberly.kennedy@ks.gov	N/A

Dr. David Lindeman resigned his position as chairperson and Kansas Board of Regents representative of the Kansas SICC effective May 31, 2024. Dr. Lindeman has been an active, contributing member of the Kansas SICC for more than 25 years and has served as the chairperson for 6 years. His knowledge of early childhood interventions, quality preschool programs, training/TA for childcare providers, and inclusion of children with disabilities has contributed greatly to supporting the young children of Kansas.



COMMITTEES AND ANNUAL GOALS

Following discussion by council members and guests, the committees/work groups were identified for FY 2024, and the chair for each committee was identified (listed below). The chair of the SICC encouraged council members to identify a committee they have a preference to serve. Committee members can be found in Attachment # 2. Committee chairs were selected during the annual planning session and affirmed by the council in June 2023.

Committee Leadership for 2023-2024:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Executive Committee	David Lindeman
State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Workgroup	Tricia Waggoner
Early Childhood Workforce and Funding Committee	Lisa Collette
Social-Emotional Committee	Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (ECLRE) Committee	David Lindeman
LICC Support Committee	Susan Bowles

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Ensure the work of the council, including committees, aligns and complements the “All in for Kansas” strategic plan
- Establish process for LICC to access funding for local activities
- Set agendas for council meetings
- Approve/add updates to the SICC website
- Act on behalf of the council should action be time-limited/prior to next SICC meeting

SPP/APR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Review annual report
- Recommend to SICC approval of report at the January meeting
- Recommend to SICC authorization for council chair to sign report for submission to Office of Special Education programs, U.S. Department of Education

EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE AND FUNDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Recommend changes to allowable Medicaid billing codes for Infant Toddler
- Explore health insurance providers paying a state flat fee for Infant Toddler Services
- Recommend appropriate funding for Infant Toddler Services

ECLRE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Report results/information to the full council on previous findings
- Increase inclusion awareness in early childhood settings

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Identify resources for social-emotional development for the community and parents
- Provided LICCs with mental health resources for providers and caregivers

LOCAL ICC SUPPORT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Obtain information on needed professional development
- Obtain CEU information for LICC retreat
- Conduct retreats
- Send a post-retreat survey
- Improve recruitment of quality workforce

KANSAS ICC MEETINGS AND ACTIONS

All SICC meetings follow an agenda sent to members in advance. Standing agenda items include introductions, approval of previous minutes, approval of agenda, public forum, presentations, committee reports, agency reports, staff report and a report from chair. Meetings took place virtually except for the June strategic planning meeting.

Orientation for new members was provided (Attachment #3). Additionally, an overall training for all members on the role of the council occurred during the May meeting (Attachment #4). Meeting minutes are posted on the website at [Meeting Minutes \(ksde.org\)](https://www.ksde.org/Meeting-Minutes).

The SICC meetings have a standard practice of presentations from a local service program and a state-level program or project. The intent of this practice is to engage both local and state partners, as well as educate the SICC members, regarding supports, services and programs in the state. By providing this information, the work of the SICC will be facilitated, and members of the council will have additional information regarding services that can be referenced to the mission of ensuring a comprehensive system of integrated services. A meeting matrix in Attachment #5 provides information on the presentations.



Picture of the June 2023 SICC planning meeting

STAFF REPORT

The SICC staff person provided training and/or shared updates on state agency's early childhood work to 12 different LICCs across the state. Some LICC meetings were attended multiple times for a total of 20 LICC meetings attended this year. See attachment #6 for a complete list.

The SICC staff person also worked closely with LICC leaders, KDHE staff, and KITS staff to improve smooth and effective transitions from Part C to Part B in two areas of Kansas. New MOUs were developed between the infant toddler programs and the LEA.

Staff also presented state agency updates and provided training on LICCs to all Part C coordinators in Kansas. The LICC training included the responsibilities of LICCs, improving the effectiveness of community collaboration and increasing parent participation.

A grant application form was finalized for LICCs to request funding for local activities to increase community awareness, increase parent participation, and address specific LICC needs. This was a noncompetitive grant available to all LICCS. Eighteen LICCs submitted applications and 16 submitted expenses for reimbursement. A total of \$33, 931.50 was awarded which had an impact in 53 counties in Kansas. See attachment #7 for specific information.

The SICC staff member attended numerous conferences and trainings. Information from the conferences and trainings were shared with the SICC. The following conferences and trainings were attended:

*staff person presented

- Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Leadership Conference
 - OSEP SAP/SICC meeting
- Division of Early Childhood (DEC) Conference
- KSDE Special Education and Title Services (SETS) Summer Leadership Conference*
- Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators (KASEA) Conference*
- Kansas Division of Early Childhood (KDEC) Conference*
- New Coordinator Trainings – monthly
- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel – monthly
- Special Education Advisory Council meetings – twice
- Engaging SAPs and SICC with States about General Supervision Requirements
- Indicator 7 Early Childhood Outcomes Training
- Zero to Three – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Discussion

Other meetings regularly attended by the SICC staff include the following:

- Part C Coordinator meetings – quarterly
- KSDE Special Education and Title Services team meetings – weekly
- Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services – Kansas Inservice Training System meetings – weekly
- Kansas Part C Manual rewriting workgroup – bi-monthly

The SICC staff person provided presentations and trainings to increase knowledge and understanding of developmental screenings (Ages and Stages Questionnaires®) and effective transitions from Part C to B. Some presentations are noted in the above list with an asterisk. Others include developmental screening presentations to staff and health care providers at Community Health Centers of Southeast Kansas and for the Family Leadership Parent-Caregiver Fireside Chat.

A new SICC website was created by the SICC staff person and the KSDE IT team. The new website can be found at [Kansas ICC Home \(ksde.org\)](https://www.ksde.org/kansas-icc-home). The website is a public facing information resource for the Kansas ICC. It provides meeting information, the mission and vision, current council members, meeting minutes, SICC and committee goals and community resources.

An orientation PowerPoint (Attachment #3) was used for new SICC/LICC members. SICC meeting minutes, agendas, logistics and locations were also arranged by staff (MOA Pg. 4, D, Attachment #1). The annual report was prepared by the staff person and reviewed by the full council before being submitted prior to Aug. 30, 2024 (MOA Pg. 4, F, Attachment #1).

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council activities are primarily directed by the annual strategic plan and the Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the state agencies. A portion of the activity takes place at the committee level. Some of the council's accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2024 include the following:

- Received training from Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESA) on the role and responsibilities of SICC's under IDEA
- A support letter for the Kansas State School for the Blind Family Infant-Toddler (FIT) program (Attachment #10)
- Voted to approve the Kansas FIT program billing for services through Medicaid
- A letter to the Kansas Early Childhood Transitions Task Force to assure services provided to young children with identified developmental delays and disabilities are protected and uninterrupted. (Attachment #11)
- Researched and supported additional Medicaid billing codes being available for Infant Toddler services
- Supported the Kansas resource directory (1-800-CHILDREN) adding an early childhood tab to the resource page along with the local infant-toddler program being the first resource listed

- Connected members of LICCs with Educate Kansas to provide recruitment services to attract and hire a high-quality workforce
- Provided LICCs with mental health resources for providers and caregivers
- Sponsored the Kansas Division of Early Childhood Conference
- Provided Kansas early childhood updates along with information on behavior supports and collaboration with childcare providers to 121 early childhood stakeholders and parents (Attachment #9)
- Awarded 17 grants totaling \$33, 931.50 to LICCs which had an impact in 53 counties in Kansas
- Reviewed and approved the proposed updates to the Kansas and local SPP/APR goals
- Reviewed and approved KDHE Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR)
- Met with the Governor's Appointments Office focusing on meeting the requirements of IDEA regarding SICC membership to fill the two legislator positions and a new SICC chairperson

APPENDIX

- Attachment 1: SICC MOA/contract between KDHE, KSDE and DCF
- Attachment 2: SICC By-Laws
- Attachment 3: Committee membership
- Attachment 4: New Member Orientation Presentation
- Attachment 5: TAESE Member Training Agenda
- Attachment 6: 2023-24 Meeting Presentation Matrix
- Attachment 7: SICC staff - LICC meeting attendance list
- Attachment 8: LICC grants awarded
- Attachment 9: LICC Fall Retreat Flyer
- Attachment 10: Letter in support of the Kansas State School for the Blind – Family Infants and Toddler program
- Attachment 11: Letter to the Kansas Governor’s Early Childhood Task Force
- Attachment 12: 2023-24 SICC Goals

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Attachment #1 SICC MOA/contract between KDHE, KSDE and DCF

KSDE CONTRACT NO. 652-22-2232
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2027
STATE BOARD - Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Kansas Department for Children and Families

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, effective upon signature no later than July 1, 2022, is made by and between the Kansas State Department of Education, hereinafter referred to as "KSDE," and the following State Agencies: the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, herein after referred to as "KDHE", and the Kansas Department for Children and Families, herein after referred to as "KDCF".

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The project period of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027.
2. KSDE agrees to complete during the terms of this Agreement the services as described more particularly in the Statement of Work, which is attached hereto and marked Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement. All services described in Attachment A shall be provided by KSDE in consultation with KSDE's Director assigned to the project.
3. In consideration of the services provided, KDHE agrees to pay KSDE a total amount not to exceed \$230,000. Payments of \$10,750 shall be made to the KSDE beginning July 1, 2022 and continuing each quarter thereafter for a period of two fiscal years following execution of this Agreement. In the third fiscal year of this agreement, payments of \$12,000 shall be made to the KSDE beginning July 1 2024, and continuing each quarter thereafter for a period of three fiscal years. Quarterly payment due dates shall be July 1, October 1, January 1 and April 1.



4. In consideration of the services provided, KDCF agrees to pay KSDE a total amount not to exceed \$50,000. Payments of \$1,750 shall be made to the KSDE beginning July 1, 2022 and continuing each quarter thereafter for a period of two fiscal years following execution of this Agreement. In the third fiscal year of this agreement, Payments of \$3,000 shall be made to the KSDE beginning July 1, 2024 and continuing each quarter thereafter for a period of three fiscal years. Quarterly payment due dates shall be July 1, October 1, January 1 and April 1.

5. All parties understand and agree that this, or any subsequent, Agreement is contingent upon the continued receipt of IDEA federal grant award through June 30, 2027 and the successful completion of yearly activities.

6. In performing the services described herein, it is expressly agreed and understood that KSDE, its agents, employees, or any other persons under its supervision or control shall not be considered employees of the KDHE or the KDCF for any purpose.

7. KSDE agrees to maintain all accounts and records pertaining to program activities and expenditures under this Agreement, and to cooperate fully with the KDHE and the KDCF in supplying any information that may be required by the applicable program regulations to comply with program planning, evaluation, monitoring and/or auditing requirements.

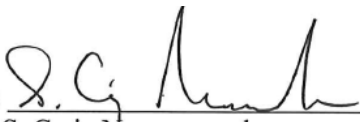
8. KSDE acknowledges KDHE, KDCF, the U.S. Department of Education, the Comptroller General of the United States and the State Legislative Division of Post Audit, or any of their duly authorized representatives, shall have a right of access to all accounts and records of the KSDE pertaining to activities and expenditures under this Agreement for the purpose of examination, transcription, program evaluation and/or audit for a period of three (3) years following the termination of this Agreement.

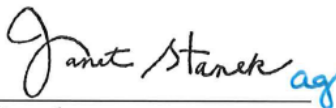
9. All notices, approvals, statements, reports or other communications required under this Agreement to be sent to, or obtained from, the KSDE shall be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Education, or his designee, at the following address:
State Department of Education Landon State Office Building
900 SW Jackson St., Suite 354
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1212
10. In the event KDHE and/or KDCF notifies the KSDE in writing of specific items of noncompliance with the conditions of this Agreement and the KSDE fails to correct the deficiency within ten working days, the KDHE and/or the KDCF shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and the funding provided hereunder.
11. KDHE and/or KDCF may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time by giving written notice to KSDE of its intent to terminate the Agreement at least thirty days prior to the proposed termination date. Termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the notice. KSDE shall continue to perform any part of the work that may have not been terminated by the notice.
12. In the event of termination, KSDE shall receive payment prorated for that portion of the contract period services were provided to or goods were accepted by the KDHE and/or the KDCF.
13. This Agreement is non-assignable and no assignment thereof in whole or part by KSDE for any purpose shall take effect and be binding against either KDHE or KDCF.
14. KSDE expressly agrees to comply with the Kansas Student Data Privacy Act (SDPA), K.S.A. 72-6215 through 72-6223, and amendments thereto and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) 30 U.S.C. 1232 g and 34 CFR Part 99, regarding any personally identifiable student information that may be released or made available to the KSDE, its agents, employees or any persons under its supervision or control in accordance with this Agreement or in the performance of the services described herein.

15. The provisions contained in the Contractual Provisions Attachment (Form DA-146a), attached hereto and marked Attachment B, are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth at length herein.

16. The KSDE certifies by its representative's signature hereon that neither it, its principals, or any employee with which the KSDE will utilize in furtherance of this agreement are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this Agreement by any federal department or agency.

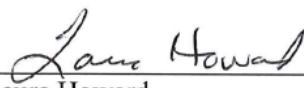
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto have executed this Agreement to be effective the date first above written.

By: 
S. Craig Neuenswander
Deputy Commissioner
900 SW Jackson, Suite 102
Topeka, KS 66612

By: 
Janet Stanek
Secretary
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
1000 SW Jackson
Topeka, KS 66612

Date: 7/1/22

Date: 07-26-2022

By: 
Laura Howard
Secretary
Kansas Department for Children and Families
555 S. Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66603

Date: 8-25-22

SCOPE OF WORK- ATTACHMENT A

KSDE agrees to the following:

a) Coordinate with state agencies (KDHE, and KDCF) and the Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Disability Services (CCECDS) to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas for all children with or at risk of development delays from birth through age five and their families.

b) Work in collaboration with the leadership of the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) and the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) to maintain regular and ongoing communication and sharing of information between these councils.

c) Make staff available to advise and assist the lead agencies through the CCECDS and committee meetings to address improvement activities, transition, public awareness, accountability, and other needs identified through Parts C and B Section 619 as related to state or federal performance requirements. This may also include reviewing strategic plans related to a variety of early childhood initiatives and activities in Kansas to ensure that the interests of young children with disabilities and their families are addressed. Meetings will occur at least quarterly.

d) Coordinate with all the state agencies that are members of CCECDS on preparation of agendas to ensure all parties have input on upcoming CCECDS meetings. KSDE staff will disseminate draft agenda, previous minutes, and written staff, committee and agency reports prior to the meeting, as available. Arrange facilities and logistics, prepare minutes and post on the website.

e) Facilitate communication and flow of information with the chairperson of each of the local interagency coordinating councils (local ICCs) established in Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 75-5648. The Part C coordinator, Part B Section 619 coordinator, coordinator of the Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSCCO), and the staff of the CCECDS will coordinate and develop a format to collect consistent data from the local ICCs. Attend a minimum of eighteen (18) local ICC meetings annually to assist them in meeting the requirements of K.A.R. 28-4-565. Provide written reports to the CCECDS and State Agencies at each scheduled meeting regarding the specific outcomes, data

collected from local ICCs and anticipated follow-up activities of each local ICC technical assistance visit completed.

f) By August 30 of each year covered by this Agreement, provide an annual report to the Governor, to the secretaries of KDHE and KDCF, and to the Commissioner of Education about the accomplishments of the council from the prior state fiscal year ending June 30. This report shall be separate from the Annual Performance Report (APR) submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) of the U.S. Department of Education. The report will address the activities of the CCECDS related to the duties detailed in Agreement and progress toward the outcomes outlined in the annual strategic plan. The annual report will be posted on the CCECDS website. Until the cancellation, termination, or contrary amendments of this Agreement, annual reports will be submitted in subsequent years about the accomplishments of the year prior as outlined above.

g) Utilize a public notice process to announce vacancies on the Council and post online the selection process. Conduct an initial orientation of new members utilizing an orientation manual, and conduct annual training of all members with records of participation during a fall full council meeting when all council members' appointments have been confirmed. Annual training will include review of council procedures, policies, roles, expectations, and responsibilities, and discussion of the current Memorandum of Agreement and the Strategic Plan.

h) Maintain a current membership directory on the CCECDS website to include names, constituencies represented, and term expiration.

i) Solicit information and opinions from concerned agencies, groups, and individuals on proposed policies and recommendations for the delivery of health, education, and social services of young children from birth through age five, with or at risk for disabling conditions and their families.

j) Solicit applications for funding requests from local ICCs for consideration by the CCECDS. Make payments to local ICCs for requests approved by the CCECDS using the funding authorized by this agreement.

k) Other duties as outlined in federal and state laws and regulations.

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS ATTACHMENT

Important: This form contains mandatory contract provisions and must be attached to or incorporated in all copies of any contractual agreement. If it is attached to the vendor/contractor's standard contract form, then that form must be altered to contain the following provision:

The Provisions found in Contractual Provisions Attachment (Form DA-146a, Rev. 07-19), which is attached hereto, are hereby incorporated in this contract and made a part thereof.

The parties agree that the following provisions are hereby incorporated into the contract to which it is attached and made a part thereof, said contract being the 1st day of July, 2022.

1. **Terms Herein Conforming provisions:** It is expressly agreed that the terms of each and every provision in this attachment shall prevail and control over the terms of any other conflicting provision in any other document relating to and a part of the contract in which this attachment is incorporated. Any terms that conflict or could be interpreted to conflict with this attachment are nullified.
2. **Kansas Law:** This contract shall be subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the State of Kansas, and jurisdiction and venue of any suit in connection with this contract shall reside only in courts located in the State of Kansas.
3. **Termination due To Lack Of funding Appropriation:** If, in the judgment of the Director of Accounts and Reports, Department of Administration, sufficient funds are not appropriated to continue the function performed in this agreement and for the payment of the charges hereunder, State may terminate this agreement at the end of its current fiscal year. State agrees to give written notice of termination to contractor at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of its current fiscal year and shall give such notice for a greater period prior to the end of such fiscal year as may be provided in this contract. except that such notice shall not be required prior to ninety (90) days before the end of such fiscal year. Contractor shall have the right, at the end of such fiscal year, to take possession of any equipment provided State under the contract. State will pay to the contractor all regular contractual payments incurred through the end of such fiscal year, plus contractual charges incidental to the return of any such equipment. Upon termination of the agreement by State, title to any such equipment shall revert to contractor at the end of the State's current fiscal year. The termination of the contract pursuant to this paragraph shall not cause any penalty to be charged to the agency or the contractor.
4. **Disclaimer Of Liability:** No provision of this contract will be given effect that attempts to require the State of Kansas or its agencies to defend, hold harmless, or indemnify any contractor or third party for any acts or omissions. The liability of the State of Kansas is defined under the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101, *et seq.*).
5. **Anti-Discrimination Clause:** The contractor agrees: (a) to comply with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination (K.S.A. 44-1001, *et seq.*) and the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act (K.S.A. 44-1111, *et seq.*) and

the applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.*) (ADA), and Kansas Executive Order No. 19-02, and to not discriminate against any person because of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, military or veteran status, disability status, marital or family status, genetic information, or political affiliation that is unrelated to the person's ability to reasonably perform the duties of a particular job or position; (b) to include in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the phrase "equal opportunity employer"; (c) to

comply with the reporting requirements set out at K.S.A. 44-1031 and K.S.A. 44-1116; (d) to include those provisions in every subcontract or purchase order so that they are binding upon such subcontractor or vendor; (e) that a failure to comply with the reporting requirements of (c) above or if the contractor is found guilty of any violation of such acts by the Kansas Human Rights Commission, such violation shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by the contracting state agency or the Kansas Department of Administration; (f) Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws and regulations; (g) Contractor agrees all hiring must be on the basis of individual merit and qualifications, and discrimination or harassment of persons for the reasons stated above is prohibited; and (h) if it is determined that the contractor has violated the provisions of any portion of this paragraph, such violation shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, by the contracting state agency or the Kansas Department of Administration.

6. **Acceptance of Contract:** This contract shall not be considered accepted, approved or otherwise effective until the statutorily required approvals and certifications have been given.

7. **Arbitration, Damages, Warranties:** Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, no interpretation of this contract shall find that the State or its agencies have agreed to binding arbitration, or the payment of damages or penalties. Further, the State of Kansas and its agencies do not agree to pay attorney fees, costs, or late payment charges beyond those available under the Kansas Prompt Payment Act (K.S.A. 75-6403), and no provision will be given effect that attempts to exclude, modify, disclaim or otherwise attempt to limit any damages available to the State of Kansas or its agencies at law, including but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.

8. **Representative's Authority to Contract:** By signing this contract, the representative of the contractor thereby represents that such person is duly authorized by the contractor to execute this contract on behalf of the contractor and that the contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof.

9. **Responsibility for Taxes:** The State of Kansas and its agencies shall not be responsible for, nor indemnify a contractor for, any federal, state or local taxes which may be imposed or levied upon the subject matter of this contract.

10. **Insurance:** The State of Kansas and its agencies shall not be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to property or any other subject matter relating to this contract, nor shall this contract require them to establish a "self-insurance" fund to protect against any such loss or damage. Subject to the provisions of the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101, *et seq.*), the contractor shall bear the risk of any loss or damage to any property in which the contractor holds title.

11. **Information:** No provision of this contract shall be construed as limiting the Legislative Division of Post Audit from having access to information pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1101, et seq.

12. **The Eleventh Amendment:** "The Eleventh Amendment is an inherent and incumbent protection with the State of Kansas and need not be reserved, but prudence requires the State to reiterate that nothing related to this contract shall be deemed a waiver of the Eleventh Amendment."

13. **Campaign Contributions /Lobbying:** Funds provided through a grant award or contract shall not be given or received in exchange for the making of a campaign contribution. No part of the funds provided through this contract shall be used to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any State of Kansas agency or a member of the Legislature regarding any pending legislation or the awarding, extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any government contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

Attachment #2 Kansas State Interagency Coordinating Council By-Laws

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services By-Laws

ARTICLE I. MISSION OF THE COUNCIL

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 a disability or who experience (or are at risk for) developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.

ARTICLE II. VALUES OF THE COUNCIL

Early intervention provides the necessary services to enable young children who experience or are at risk for developmental delays to progress toward the maximum of their abilities. When these services are provided in a timely and appropriate manner, and in the context of the family, the need for further intervention can often be eliminated or reduced.

The family should be the center of every child's world. Accordingly, it functions as a child's most important developmental context. Therefore, the family should be the most important focus in early intervention efforts, including assessment and intervention activities. Collaboration with the family is essential to meet the developmental needs of all young children.

Administrative structures and funding mechanisms for services to young children should not require assigning specific diagnostic labels, because of the variable nature of young children's performance and the potential for rapid change in their developmental status.

The utilization of interagency collaboration is essential and will produce the most comprehensive and uninterrupted service. These services should be multi-disciplinary, and to the maximum extent appropriate, delivered in settings which are typical for young children and which include a predominance of normally developing children.

ARTICLE III. FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

As referenced in K.S.A. 74-7802, the Council will:

1. Solicit information and opinions from concerned agencies, groups and individuals on proposed policies and recommendations for the delivery of health, education and social services for all children with a disability or who experience (or are at risk for) developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.
2. Establish appropriate committees to perform tasks, gather information, and explore issues as directed by the Council. (See Article V)
3. Determine the work activities of the staff to the Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services.
4. Disseminate information about the activities of the Council and its actions to local, private and public service providers, parents, advocacy organizations, state agency personnel, and other interested parties.
5. Develop, implement, and review as appropriate a state plan for young children with a disability or who experience (or are at risk for) developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.
6. Recommend policies, procedures, and legislation for effectively providing health, education, and social services.
7. Develop interagency agreements to promote a comprehensive service delivery system for all children with a disability or who experience (or are at risk for) developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.

8. Advise and assist the lead agency in implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C at both state and local levels.
9. Submit an annual report to the Governor.
10. Advise and assist all Kansas state agencies that provide services to all children with a disability or who experience (or are at risk for) developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Kansas Coordinating Council shall consist of representatives of the public and private sector who by virtue of their position, interest and training can contribute to the quality of services provided to children with developmental delays and their families. The council shall be composed of at least 16 members, but not more than 25 members, and will include:

1. a representative of the Governor;
2. the Secretary of Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services or a representative selected by the Secretary;
3. the Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment or a representative selected by the Secretary;
4. a member of the Kansas State Board of Education selected by the Chairperson of the State Board of Education or, at the discretion of the Chairperson, the Commissioner of Education or a representative selected by the Commissioner;
5. a representative of the Board of Regents selected by the Chairperson of the Board of Regents;
6. two members of the state legislature selected by the Legislative Coordinating Council so that one is a member of the Senate and one is a member of the House of Representatives and such members are not members of the same political party;
7. the Commissioner of Insurance or a representative of the Commissioner selected by the Commissioner; and
8. a representative of the state Medicaid agency; and
9. not less than eight nor more than seventeen members appointed by the governor, which members shall be selected to ensure that the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1400 and amendments thereto are met.

Note: Part C of IDEA (2004) indicates that membership include:

- at least 20 percent of the members must be parents, parent membership must be composed of "parents, including minority parents, of infants or toddlers with disabilities or children with disabilities aged 12 or younger, with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities. At least one member must be a parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a child with a disability aged six or younger. A parent member may not be an employee of a public or private agency involved in providing early intervention services.
- at least 20 percent of the members must be public or private providers of early intervention services.
- at least one member from each of the following constituents: the state legislature, person involved in personnel preparation, state agencies involved in the provision of or payment for early intervention services, the SEA responsible for preschool services of children with disabilities, the state Medicaid agency, a Head Start agency or program, the agency responsible for child care, the agency responsible for regulation of health insurance, the office responsible for coordination of the education for homeless children and youth, the child welfare agency responsible for foster care, and the agency responsible for children's mental health. One member may be appointed to represent more than one program or agency listed in the membership.

A. TERM OF OFFICE

Members appointed by the governor shall serve a term of four years. Members are eligible for reappointment.

B. MEETING PARTICIPATION

Participation in its meetings by all Council members is critical to the success of the Council in meeting its mission. Reviews will be done on an on-going basis to assess attendance. The following shall constitute

grounds for a possible recommendation to the Governor for termination of membership on the Council:

1. absence from three (3) consecutive meetings in one year, or
2. more than two unexcused absences, or
3. more than two unexcused absences and three total absences in any given year.

Members of the Council may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this shall constitute presence at such meeting.

C. VACANCIES

Any vacancy occurring in the appointive membership of the Council shall be filled in the same manner and from the same class as the original appointment. The Council shall inform the appointing authority within thirty calendar days of any vacancy. Though Council recommendations for filling said vacancy may be forwarded to the appointing authority, this shall not be construed as usurping the authority to make any appointments.

D. RESIGNATION

A Council member's resignation must be in writing and shall be submitted to the appointing authority and to the Council Chairperson.

E. ORIENTATION

The Chairperson, staff, and longstanding Council members shall make available to new members an orientation to the Council, its operations, and functions

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Council Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Past Chair, and three members to be elected by the Council from the its membership, and at least one of these members shall be one who serves on the Council in the capacity of an ICC parent. All elected members of the Executive Committee shall serve two year terms. Elected members are eligible for re-election. The Executive Committee shall:

1. Have such powers as are conferred upon it by the Council. It may take interim action on behalf of the full Council, only when such affairs are of an urgent nature and require immediate attention between officially scheduled meetings. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting and ratified by the Council.
2. Execute any other functions, duties and responsibilities delegated to it by the Council.
3. Should the Executive Committee determine that the full Council should be consulted concerning matters brought before the Executive Committee, it may utilize electronic communication to communicate with the full Council. If e-mail communication is used, any action would require a motion from any member of the Executive committee, followed by a second from any Council member. After a reasonable discussion period, the chair would call for a vote to be limited in time duration.

B. COMMITTEES and WORK GROUPS

1. When necessary, the Council shall be aided in its work by Committees and Work Groups. Membership shall consist of at a minimum three members of the Council and other persons approved by the Council. The Chair of any committee or work group shall be a member of the Council. A Co-Chair may be selected from the entire membership of the committee or work group.
2. Committees and Work Groups are intended to be task/topic specific. They are expected to review issues and topics as assigned by the Council and to make recommendations to the Council for consideration prior to any possible action. Committees are designated as a standing committee of the Council and will focus on goals/activities related to the strategic plan of the Council. Work Groups are to be limited in tenure and are to be disbanded following action on final recommendations to the Council.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

A. SCHEDULE

The Council shall meet at least quarterly. Additional meetings may be scheduled at other times and places as determined by the Council Chairperson, or as requested by any three members of the Council. Each year a specific meeting will be designated by the Council as the Annual Meeting. This will provide opportunity to review the Council and its operations.

B. QUORUM

A quorum consists of a simple majority of the full council membership. The Council may take official action only when a quorum is present. Members participating by way of communications equipment (Article IV-B) shall be counted toward a quorum. Final decisions of the council shall be by majority vote of the Council members present.

C. CHAIRPERSON

A Chairperson shall be designated annually by the Governor. In the event that the annual designation of Council Chairperson is not forthcoming from the Governor, the Council may designate an interim Chairperson pursuant to Governor's action. Any member of the Council who is a representative of the Part C lead agency may not serve as the chairperson of the Council. The Chairperson is a full participating member of the Council and shall:

1. Be responsible for developing meeting agendas, scheduling meetings and ensuring completion of all tasks associated with Council meetings;
2. Preside over all meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee;
3. Vote only when required to break a tie on any matter submitted to a vote of the Council membership;
4. Facilitate the determination of the work activities of a staff person to the Council. Evaluate, on a yearly basis, the job performance of the Coordinator with input from other Council members;
5. Receive requests and allocate the resources of the Council;
6. Assure that the chair and membership of committees and work groups meet the requirements of the by-laws and appoint Council members as necessary; and
7. Perform all duties incident to the position of Chairperson and all other duties as may be prescribed by the Council.

D. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson shall appoint a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson is a full participating member of the Council who shall:

1. In the Chairperson's absence, perform the duties of the Chairperson;
2. When the Vice-Chairperson is acting as Chairperson, he/she shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairperson; and,
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall perform any other duties that may be assigned by the Council Chairperson or by the Council.

E. VOTING

1. Each Council member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote.
2. A vote of the majority of those members present is necessary to approve any action taken by the Council. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairperson may vote to break the tie vote.
3. The votes of Council members participating by way of communication equipment shall be included on matters submitted to a vote
4. Official business of the Council may only occur outside of Council meetings under the circumstances identified under the responsibilities of the Executive Committee (Article V).
5. Voting by Proxy is not permitted (Note: Kansas Attorney General letter of 3/6/07 Each Council member is entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote.

F. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No member shall cast a vote on any matter that would provide financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest under State Law.

1. The member should immediately disclose the actual or potential conflict.
2. The member, at the request of any other member, shall be temporarily excused from the meeting to permit the Council to deliberate and vote upon the issue.
3. Subsequent discovery of any undisclosed actual or perceived conflict regarding a matter in which the member participated in either discussion or voting shall invalidate the Council action on the matter. The member should immediately disclose the actual or potential conflict.

G. EXPENSES

The members of the Coordinating Council who requests such shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses, incurred in their performance of their official duties in accordance with section (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is deemed vital to the effective functioning of the Council. Within appropriate constraints determined by the Chairperson, a portion of each meeting of the Coordinating Council shall be set aside for public participation. Persons wishing to address the Council will be asked to notify the Coordinator by the morning of the meeting.

Council meetings must be publicly announced sufficiently in advance of the dates they are to be held to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to attend. To the extent appropriate, these meetings will be open and accessible to the general public.

I. PLACING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The agenda will be mailed at least one week prior to the meeting. Additions and/or amendments to the agenda may be suggested by anyone in attendance and will be considered by the Chairperson at the onset of each Council meeting.

J. MINUTES

Draft copies of minutes will be mailed or sent electronically to Council members prior to the next scheduled Council meeting. At that next meeting, this draft will be considered and edited, as necessary. A majority vote will approve the minutes.

Approved minutes of the Council meetings shall be made available for public inspection in a timely fashion.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by formal action of the Council at any regular or special meeting of the Council. Proposed changes shall be submitted in writing to the Council Chair or Coordinator and received by all members of the Council at least 15 days prior to the scheduled meeting at which action is to be taken.

A regular and periodic review of these bylaws will be conducted by the Council or by a group designated by the Council

Revised:

January 1997; November 2006; September 2007; October 2007

Appendix #3: SICC Committee Membership

2023-24 SICC Committee Membership

*chairperson

Executive Committee:

Dave Lindeman
Lisa Collette
Tricia Waggoner
Ann Elliott
Kim Campbell

Social-Emotional:

*Ann Elliott
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
Breanna Clark
Trish Backman
Hilary Crist
Lisa Isaacson

SPP/APR:

*Tricia Waggoner
Dave Lindeman
Marites Altuna
Misty Goosen
Julie Rand

Funding & Workforce:

*Lisa Collette
Monica Ross
Kim Kennedy
Nichelle Adams
Christie Wyckoff
Erin Schuweiler
Kayla Cary
Kelly Frantz-Langford
Gary Henault (KDADS)
Taylor Bremer (Medicaid)

LICC Support:

*Susan Bowles
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
Jennifer Oborny
Courtney Hochman
Marites Altuna
Monica Ross
Hilary Crist
Erin Schuweiler
Ann Elliott

ECLRE:

*Dave Lindeman
Kim Kennedy
(Part B Coordinator)
Jana Hogan
Nichole Honeywell
Lesli Girard
Jennifer Pishry
Ann Elliott
Sarah Skiles
Chavis Lickvar-Armstrong

Attachment #4 SICC Member Orientation



The Kansas ICC

OR. COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Objectives for today

We will cover the following:

- Overview of the SICC (Kansas ICC)
- A brief history of the Kansas ICC
- Review key work and membership of the SICC
- Future plans and goals
- LICC overview



Role of the SICC



This council is responsible for advising and assisting the Kansas governor and legislature on matters that impact Kansas families with children birth to age five who have or are **at risk** for developmental delays.

*Kansas specifically

History

- In the 1970's, Kansas had a federal grant for implementation of early intervention services
- A state-wide advisory body was part of this endeavor



More History

- In 1983 at the urgings of parents, Governor John Carlin created by Executive Order - a Governor's Cabinet Sub-Committee
- "Beginnings" made 46 recommendations



1986

- In the Spring, the Kansas Legislature passed KSA 74-7801 et al.
- Later that Fall, the US Congress passed Public Law 99-457



Public Law 108-446 Section 641

- Federal Law – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- KAR 28-4-565 (Handout)
- Requires a State ICC

SICC Meetings

- Meeting dates are identified at the annual planning retreat (Third Friday of each month)
- Meetings are generally held in Zoom with in-person meetings a few times a year.
- June is in person and is the strategic planning meeting.
- No meeting in July
- Meeting Format
 - Local Program Update
 - State Update



Membership

- Dave Lindeman, SICC Chair



Governor's Appointments:

Parents:

- Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
- Kim Campbell
- Breanna Clark

Public: Courtney Hochman

Providers: Hilary Crist, Marites Altuna

ICC Parent Job Description

- Provide family perspective to all proceedings
- Solicit input from other families
- Assist agencies to maintain family-centered approach



State Agency Membership

- **Division for Children & Families (DCF)** – Nichelle Adams and Jennifer Thomas
- **Kansas Part C Coordinator**, birth to 3 years
 - Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) – Tricia Waggoner
- **Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)**- Julie Rand-Part B Coordinator, 3-5 years – KSDE
- **Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)**- Gary Henault

Planning and Goal Setting

- Annual Strategic Plans
 - Take place in June
 - Open to public/stakeholders
 - Set goals/committees for upcoming year



Kansas ICC Committees

- Executive Committee
- Early Childhood Funding and Workforce Committee
- Social-Emotional Committee
- State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR)
- LICC Support Committee
- Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment Workgroup

Kansas Early Childhood Programs – at a Glance

- Child Nutrition & Wellness
- Parents as Teachers
- Head Start/Early Head Start
- Early Childhood Special Education:
 - Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services – Part C
 - Kansas Preschool Programs – Part B
- Kansas Migrant Education Program
- And many more!



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Future Plans and Goals

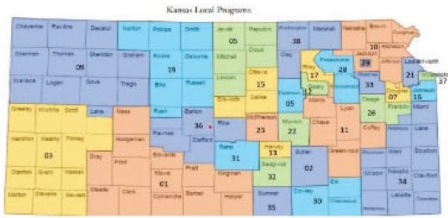
- New and improved website
- Legislator Membership
- Increase funding sources to Part C programs
- Increase family awareness of child development and resources available*
- Improve the recruitment and retention of early childcare providers*



Local ICCs

- Local Interagency Coordinating Councils, or LICCs, are comprised of community members with a vested interest in an interagency system of service provision for children birth to five and their families.
- LICCs are responsible for many things, from child find activities, to communication and collaboration among community partners.
- Currently 29 LICCs across the state.





SICC Resources

- Kansas Family Engagement and Partnerships Standards for Early Childhood: <https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/Early%20Childhood/Kindergarten/Kansas%20Family%20Engagement%20and%20Partnership%20Standards%20for%20Early%20Childhood.pdf>
- Learning More about IDEA: SPP/APR: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Titlle-Services/Special_Education/KIAS/SPP-and-APR
- Disability Awareness Interagency Coordinating Councils (ICCs): Resources from the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center: <https://ectacenter.org/>
- An Educator and Parent Primer on Special Education Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Definitions: <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED483168.pdf>



Quick Review and Question

- Summarized the history of the council
- Identified membership on the council
- Explained the role and responsibilities of council
- Outlined council goals
- Gave a brief overview of the LICCs
- Questions?

Contact Us

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Attachment #5 SICCC Member Training provided by TAESE



**Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on
Early Childhood Developmental Services
Orientation for ICC Members**

May 17, 2024
1:00 – 3:00 Central Time

Objective:

The purpose for this training is to provide the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services members with training and information regarding the ICC's purpose and functions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Trainer:

John Copenhaver, Program Director, Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) at Utah State University.


Agenda:

Topic

- Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose for Training
- Review Agenda and Materials
- Topics
 - The ICC in the Context of the History of Special Education
 - IDEA Regulations Regarding the ICC
 - The Relationships between Part C of IDEA, Section 619, and Part B of IDEA
 - Purpose for the ICC under IDEA
 - Required Membership of the ICC under IDEA
 - Working as an Advisory Group not as an Advocacy Group
 - Defining Advisory & Assistance in the Context of an ICC
 - Major Duties of the ICC under IDEA
 - Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - ICC Meeting Procedures -- Open Meeting Requirements
 - The ICC's Role Regarding APR and DMS-2.0
 - Establishing Annual ICC Priorities
- Conclusion and Final Remarks

Adjourn

Attachment #6 Meeting Presentation Matrix

 <p>KANSAS Interagency Coordinating Council</p> <p>Presentations by Local Programs and State Programs Supporting a Comprehensive System of Services</p> <p>July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024</p>			
SICC Meeting Date	Local Service Program: Presentation and Information	Systems Level Presentation: State Systems Development and Information	Additional Informational Presentations
July 21, 2023	none	Review of the SICC Action Plan and committee goals for FY2024	
August 18, 2023	SPP/APR target adjustments for Part C, Misty Gooden, KITS	Updated All in for Kansas Kids Needs Assessment information – parent feedback. Rachel Gardener, CPPR	Topic: Draft Annual Strategic Plan Review and Annual Report to the Governor
September 15, 2023	Chris Tiden, KU-CPPR, results of the LICC surveys	Amanda Peterson, KSDE Early Childhood-aggregate ASQ data & an update on the Governor's Early Childhood Transition Task Force	Michelle Reichart, KCSL, 1-800-CHILDREN presentation and discuss working together on family resources. Cris Seidel & Kala Green, Educate Kansas presentation and discussion on how this can increase

			recruitment for early intervention staff.
October 20, 2023	The proposed Kansas Early Learning Standards were shared by Natalie McClane and Kim Kennedy. They requested feedback.	Family Infant Toddler program (FIT) with Kansas School for the Blind (KSSB) was explained by Marites Altuna, FIT Director, and Jon Harding, Superintendent of KSSB. The new director of KSSB, Katie Kirchhoff was also introduced.	
November 17, 2023	Stephanie Willis, Russell Child Development Center in Garden City presented on effective onboarding of new staff that leads to higher job satisfaction and retention.	KanLink & Thriving Families, Safer Children Project presentation by Meghan Cizek, CPPR	Discussion of the State Performance Plan and Annual Progress Report (SPP/SPR) was facilitated by Tricia Waggoner, the Kansas Part C Coordinator. Some goals need updated so they are all based on the same year. Decision was made to sponsor the Kansas Division of Early Childhood conference.
December 15, 2023	none	Early Childhood Transition Task Force recommendations were presented by Zach Vincent, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs.	Voted to update the SPP/APR goals. This was discussed at the November meeting.
January 9, 2024	No meeting due to weather		

February 16, 2024	Kansas ASQ usage update presented by Amanda Petersen, KSDE Early Childhood Director	The Early Childhood Dashboard was shared by Jared Barton & Emily Bertels Kaufman both from KU-CPPR. This is a project supported by the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund.	Kansas SPP/APR Report was reviewed and approved.
March 22, 2024	Fully inclusive preschools in North Central Kansas by Becky Lanier, Early Childhood Coordinator	All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan draft was shared and feedback requested. Erica Figueroa, KU-CPPR.	Kansas applications for the Federal Grant is open for comment. Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Part C Coordinator.
April 19, 2024	Community Conversations results were shared by Andrea Sorrels, KCCTO-KITS.	Families Together presented on their new program, FAST by Lesli Girard	
May 17, 2024	SICC member Training	By John Copenhaver	From TAESE
June 21, 2024	Introduction of new members, review of previous year's goals, scheduled dates for upcoming year's meetings and strategic planning.		

Attachment #7 Staff attendance at LICC meetings

LICC meetings attended by SICC staff person

Local program number	LICC name
KS01	Southwest Kansas ICC
KS02	Butler County Family and Child Development Task Force
KS03	Children and Families Network
KS07	Douglas County ICC
KS13	Harvey County ICC
KS17	Greater Manhattan ICC
KS21	Leavenworth ICC
KS22	Marion County Early Childhood Task Force
KS32	Sedgwick Early Childhood Community Council
KS33	Shawnee County Early Childhood Collaborative
KS35	Sumner County LICC
KS36	Central Kansas ICC
KS37	Wyandotte County LICC

Attachment #8 LICC Grants awarded



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	

Attachment #9 LICC Fall Retreat Learning Opportunity



Fall LICC Retreat

This is an wonderful learning opportunity for anyone that works with children birth to age 5.

Virtual on Friday, November 3, 2023, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

- An update on Early Childhood in Kansas.
- *Increasing positive behavior expectations through identification of emotions and self-regulation* - Tabatha Rosbroy, 2020 National Teacher of the Year and Project Coordinator at KPIRC
- *Building positive relationships and effective communication between service providers, childcare providers, and families* - Jennifer James, DPT, Wichita State University
- Opportunity to give feedback on the changing of the Part C SPP/APR goals.

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Attachment #10 Support letter for KSSB- FIT program



September 15, 2023

Tricia Waggoner
Part C Coordinator
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
1000 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Tricia Waggoner,

The Kansas Coordinating Council on Early childhood Developmental Services, also known as the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC), is pleased to know that Kansas children will now benefit from the Kansas School for the Blind Family Infant-Toddler (FIT) program. FIT will offer high-quality vision services for Kansas children who are blind or visually impaired, ages birth to three, at no cost to families. FIT is a partnership with the Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services and will be provided at no cost to Infant Toddler Service programs.

The SICC is responsible for advising and assisting in the delivery of services to children birth through 5 with special needs and ensuring a comprehensive system of services and supporting equity in services across the state. As such the SICC endorses the position that the FIT team members will be responsible for billing and receiving funds through Medicaid for their services.

Sincerely,

David P. Lindeman, Ph.D., Chair

Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

Attachment #11 Letter to Kansas Early Childhood Transition Task Force



October 20, 2023

Dear Cornelia Stevens, Co-Chair, Sam Huenergardt, Co-Chair, Early Childhood Transition Task Force

I am writing on behalf of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services (SICC) to express support for careful attention concerning services for children with developmental delays or disabilities and their families if the decision is made to recommend the development of a new early childhood agency in Kansas. The SICC is an advisory council based in both state and federal law. This council is responsible for advising and assisting the Kansas governor, legislature, and state agencies on matters that impact Kansas families with children, ages birth to five who have, or are at risk for, developmental delays and to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas for these children.

In the role of advise and assist, the SICC has identified the following for consideration:

- 1) Services for young children with developmental delays or disabilities are guided by both state and federal law and regulations. Within these statutes and regulations specific guidance is provided with clear indicators for identification of children, definitions of services, timelines for services, and measures of outcomes for both the child and family as well as requirements of the governing agency. If a recommendation is made that the services for young children identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) were to be moved to a new agency, assurances must be provided, and care take place that the system of services for these children and families will be protected and not be interrupted or dismantled.
- 2) If any change in state agency responsible for IDEA programs, these programs must continue to have leadership with a working knowledge of evidence/research-based interventions, and documents such as the Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children's Recommended Practices for early intervention and early childhood special education, the Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center's document for making sound decisions related to Least Restrictive Environment, the Mission and Key Principles for Early Intervention, and the Agreed Upon Practices for providing early intervention in natural environments.

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- 3) That a new agency immediately has the capacity and authority to meet requirements identified in IDEA’s minimum standards for components of a comprehensive system including a single line of authority for general administration and supervision.
- 4) That any change in agency does not disrupt or effect funding from the federal government, state government, or other funding sources for the state agency or local programs. As appropriate and where necessary new or updated interagency Memorandum of Agreement be developed, in a timely manner, to assure continuity of funding. If a change occurs, this MOU should be developed prior to the establishment and assignment of responsibility for early intervention, special education, or at-risk services to the new agency.
- 5) That the “maintenance of effort” requirement under IDEA continue to be assured by the state and new agency.

The SICC would like to thank the Kansas Early Childhood Transition Task Force for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David P. Lindeman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Chair, SICC

cc. Dan Wuori, Hunt Institute

Attachment #12: 2023-24 SICC Annual Goals

SICC Goals for 2023 – 2024

Ensure a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available to all children birth through age five with or at-risk for developmental delays.

Goal One Maximize **categorical aid** funding in Part C programs.
(Funding)

Goal Two Maximize **Medicaid reimbursement** for Part C and Part B.
(Funding)

Goal four Research the viability of statewide **private insurance flat rate payment** for Part C then support the implementation. (Funding)

Goal five Improve the availability of **reliable resources and information for parents** in a centralized location. (KSDE & KDHE staff)

Goal six Improve the **recruitment** and retention of the local workforce by collaborating with others. (LICC Support)

Goal seven Increase **inclusion** opportunities/experiences in communities identified with low inclusion data. (ECLRE)

Goal eight Increase the availability of **mental health resources** for providers and caregivers. (Social Emotional)

Goal ten Promote the management and function of the SICC as it aligns and compliments the **“All in for Kansas”** strategic plan.
(Executive)