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Annual Report

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

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

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ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026

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. The Council is also known as the Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC).

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 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 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 statutes, SICC bylaws, and the mission statement and are largely driven by the annual strategic planning meeting and the Memorandum of Agreement with state agency partners. (Attachments 1 & 2)

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

Goal 1: Promote the management and function of the SICC as it aligns and compliments the "All in for Kansas" strategic plan.

- Improve the recruitment and retention of the early childhood workforce by collaborating with others, specifically the work being facilitated by the Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center (ECIPC) grant.

Goal 2: Maximize Transportation Reimbursement for Part C Programs

- Research and create a KSDE Transportation Reimbursement Fact Sheet to ensure Part C programs receive proper reimbursement.

Goal 3: Increase young children being placed in the Least Restrictive Environment

- Facilitate child care providers and directors taking “Early Intervention and Special Education Basics” - a KCCTO training that provides core concepts about early childhood special education programs. By becoming more comfortable with inviting service providers into their child care setting this will increase the number of child care administrators and providers forming meaningful collaborative partnerships with Early Intervention and Special Education Preschool.

Goal 4: Support LICCs to maximize their role of serving and supporting children in their communities

- Offer relevant, professional learning opportunities through the Fall LICC Retreat
- Increase effectiveness of LICC through local surveys

KANSAS ICC ROSTER 2025-2026

Name	Position on Council	Email	Term expires
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer	(Chair) Service Provider	kako@st-tel.net	N/A
Bronwyn Fees	KBOR representative	fees@ksu.edu	N/A
Lisa Collette (Vice Chair)	Kansas Insurance Commissioner representative	Lisa.Collette@ks.gov	N/A
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Susan Bowles	Provider member	gslbowles@gmail.com	July 31, 2028
Monica Ross	Provider member coord.	Monica.ross@itsjc.org	July 31, 2026
Erin Schuweiler	Provider member KSSDB	eschuweiler@kssdb.org	July 31, 2029
Ann Elliott	Provider member/childcare	ann@frcpittsburg.org	July 31, 2025
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Susan Ruiz	Kansas Representative	Sueruiz46@gmail.com	July 31, 2026
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Stacy Clarke	Staff to the SICC	stacy.clarke@ksde.gov	N/A
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Jennifer King	SEAC liaison	Jking7@usd259.net	N/A

COMMITTEE GOALS

Following discussion by council members and guests, the committees/work groups were identified for FY 2026, and the chair for each committee was identified (listed below).

Committee Leadership for 2025-2026:

Committee	Chair
Executive Committee	Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Categorical Aid Transportation Workgroup	Monica Ross
Medicaid Workgroup	Lisa Collette
SICC Systems and Supports Committee	Bronwyn Fees
Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment Committee	Angel Spann
LICC Support Committee	Susan Bowles

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Set agendas for council meetings
- Review and pre-approve grants to Local Interagency Coordinating Councils
- Act on behalf of the council should action be time-limited/prior to next SICC meeting

CATEGORICAL AID TRANSPORTATION WORKGROUP:

- Create a transportation categorical aid guidance document for local Part C programs to ensure they receive their maximum allowable transportation categorical aid

MEDICAID WORKGROUP:

- Recommend changes to allowable Medicaid billing codes for Infant Toddler
- Identify the correct and allowable Medicaid codes for Infant Toddler Services

SYSTEMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE:

- Ensure the work of the council and committees aligns and complements the “All in for Kansas” strategic plan
- Explore partnering with the Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center (ECIPC) to address early childhood workforce shortages in Kansas

ECLRE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Increase inclusion awareness in early childhood settings
- Identify area of improvement for more children to be in the least restrictive environments

LOCAL ICC SUPPORT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Identify the professional development focus of the Fall LICC Retreat based on stakeholder feedback
- Plan and host Fall LICC Retreat
- Support LICCs to be more effective with a meeting guidance document
- Provide individual guidance and support to LICCs addressing concerns

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 September strategic planning meeting and the January joint meeting with the Special Education Advisory Council.

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 #3 provides information on the presentations.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council activities are primarily directed by the annual strategic plan and the Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the state agencies. A large portion of the activity takes place at the committee and workgroup level. Highlights of the Council's accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2026 include the following:

- Created the Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Meeting Guidance document (Attachment #4) to support effective LICC meetings.
- Provided guidance to individual LICCs needing support to identify qualified Part C service providers.
- Planned the Fall LICC Retreat to provide professional development regarding the effects of screen time on the developing brain to families, early childhood educators, and service providers. Over 300 people attended. (Attachment #5)

- Continued to support the Kansas resource directory (1-800-CHILDREN) by sharing the resource statewide and having Infant Toddler programs and other early childhood resource providers update their information.
- Sponsored the Kansas Division of Early Childhood Conference.
- Collaborated with KSDE and KDHE staff regarding issues related to smooth and effective transitions.
- Received technical assistance from the Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center on strengthening the early childhood workforce in Kansas. Finalized plans to enter into an agreement to begin future planning with them.
- Awarded 26 LICC grants totaling $69,567 to support community awareness, Child Find, and increased family engagement in 97 of the 105 counties in Kansas. (Attachment # 6)
- Reviewed and approved KDHE Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR).
- Wrote letters to the US legislators representing Kansas informing them of the need to preserve and strengthen IDEA for early childhood. (Attachment #7)

STAFF REPORT

The SICC staff person completes activities assigned by the SICC and ensures Council and committee meetings are organized and productive. The staff person also maintains an updated SICC website with public facing information and meeting information.

LICC Support

- Supporting LICCs that need to identify a new LICC Chair when the current chair is employed by their lead agent, consistent with KDHE guidance and best practice.
- Attending 11 LICC meetings, virtually and in person. Some LICC attended multiple times for a total of 22 LICC meetings attended this year.
- Continuing to develop LICC support documents for engaging parents in LICC meetings.
- Supporting LICCs in increasing diverse membership.
- Supporting planning for the Fall LICC Retreat.
- Processing LICC grant payments and applications.
- Preparing posters for the KDEC conference on effective LICCs and effective ways to use LICC grant funds.
- Creating resources for LICCs to obtain nonprofit status.
- Supporting Part C programs related to their funding sources and budgeting.
- Visiting the Hutchinson preschool and Infant-Toddler program.

Promotion of early childhood developmental screening

- Connecting county health departments and Part C programs to provide access to online ASQ screenings (Ages and Stages Questionnaires®).
- Supporting child care programs and health departments as they join the ASQ Enterprise account.
- Assisting Part C with ASQ account setup.
- Continuing ASQ collaboration with Help Me Grow.

Planning & Research

- Gathering early childhood data needed for strategic planning.
- Working with strategic planning facilitators to ensure a successful strategic planning session.
- Conducting a survey of Part C Coordinators to identify reasons why families decline transitions to Part B.
- Presenting survey results on why Kansas families choose not to transition from Part C to Part B services to the SICC, SEAC, and Part C Coordinators.
- Collaborating on the Kansas Part B referral opt-out policy.
- Collaborating with KDHE and Part C providers to rewrite the Kansas Part C Manual.
- Gathering Kansas early childhood workforce data to prepare for strategic planning to address workforce shortages.
- Completing the SICC Annual Report.

Collaboration

- Collaborating with Washburn University to strengthen the integration of KELS and DEC early childhood standards into early childhood coursework
- Supporting relationship-building among early childhood partners, including the new Part B 619 Coordinator, KECDS, and KITS
- Collaborating with KDHE and KDADS staff to create a Kansas Child Mental Health support scope for statewide reference.
- Sharing EC workforce-related information and opportunities with partners
- Sharing monthly EC KSDE SPED Administrator webinar updates with Part C Coordinators, including relevant ASQ information
- Participating in the KDHE- Part C - Kansas Early Childhood Developmental Services – Kansas Inservice Training System meetings – weekly
- Participating in the KSDE Special Education and Title Services team meetings – bi-weekly

Professional Learning & Conference Participation

- Attended Kansas SEAC meetings*
- Attended ECTA Transitions webinars
- Attended Foundations of Family Well-Being presentation
- Attended SICC/SEAC National Meeting
- Attended Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators (KASEA) Conference
- Attended Kansas Division of Early Childhood (KDEC) Conference and assisted with Part C-to-Part B transition presentation *
- Attended monthly Greenbush Early Childhood Forums *
- Attended national Results-Based Facilitation training (3 sessions)
- Kansas Child and Maternal Health Council meetings*
- KSDE Great Ideas in Education Conference*
- Early Childhood Systems Building Webinars
- Part C Coordinator monthly meetings*
- Presented information on LICCs to new Part C Coordinators*

*Staff person presented

APPENDIX

- Attachment 1: SICC By-Laws
- Attachment 2: SICC MOA/contract between KDHE, KSDE and DCF
- Attachment 3: 2023-24 Meeting Presentation Matrix
- Attachment 4: LICC Meeting Guidance Document
- Attachment 5: LICC Fall Retreat Professional Learning
- Attachment 6: LICC Grant Awards Report
- Attachment 7: Letter to US legislators regarding IDEA

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

KSDE CONTRACT NO. 652-22-2232
July 1, 022 - 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

Date: 7/1/22

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

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 al 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.

State of Kansas
Department of Administration
DA-146a (Rev. 07-19)

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 proyjsjons:** 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 ,.m iLIId,** 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 pye 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-Discrjmjnatjon 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 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 3/6/07Each 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

Attachment #3 Meeting Presentation Matrix

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Presentations by
Local Programs and State Programs
Supporting a Comprehensive System of Services

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

SICC Meeting Date	Presentations	State Systems Development and Information
July 9, 2025 **in-person**	SICC Strategic Planning	
August 15, 2025	SICC Annual Report approval, Review of DMS Letters	Kansas Registered Teacher Apprentiship program expansion
September 19, 2025	-Exemplary example of natural environment – semi truck. -Recognizing an outstanding inclusion preschool educator	Developing a life plan for a child with disabilities
October 17, 2025	SICC member reimbursement for conferences	Families Together quarterly report
November 21, 2025	Overview of the new Part C program site visit process	Review of the All in for Kansas Kids dashboard
December 12, 2025	Parent survey early childhood data results	Kansas Child & Family Well-Being Pathway resource
January 14, 2026 **in-person** with SEAC	Collaboration on SEAC and SICC goals Review of survey results regarding why families decline transitioning	Kansas Part B and Part C SPP/APR Report
February 20, 2026	Future Teacher Academy	Kansas' proposed opt-out of transition to Part B policy
March 27, 2026	Moms Mingle group supported by LICC grant funds	Effective use of Medicaid funds for Part C programs preliminary study results
April 17, 2026	Overview of LICC grants and information on LICCs gaining nonprofit status	Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center services
May 18, 2026 Family Engagement	-Infant Toddler program parent survey results -Families Together	-Family Advisory Council -Kansas Parent information Resource Center

Attachment #4 Local Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Guidance document

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Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Meeting Guidance

The LICC aids in establishing collaboration between agencies in a community regarding services and resources for children birth through age 5 and their families. The LICC may also serve as the advisory council for other early childhood groups. KAR 28-4-565 outlines the responsibilities of a LICC. Summary below:

- recommend the lead and fiscal agencies to provide early intervention services in their defined service area
- identifying local service providers who can deliver Part C services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families
- advise and assist local providers in addressing the specific needs of the community
- meet at least quarterly
- review and sign Part C grant, which guarantees the LICC will support services and assurances according to the provisions of the contract

Meeting emphasis ideas for each quarter

First Quarter: LICC membership and Child Find

- Verify the LICC reflects the required membership identified by the state regulations.
- Locate/identify and invite other potentially interested agencies in the community to become members of the LICC.
- Review the responsibilities of the LICC identified in the state regulation
- Review the LICC By-Laws and/or review meeting procedures (possibly provide a welcome packet to new members)
- Define and discuss child find activities in the service area.
- Locate and collaborate with potential referral sources within the service area

Family involvement questions: Do families know about community screening/child find opportunities? How do families in our community find out about services, events, and resources?

Second Quarter: Early Intervention Services Report

- Review the Part C Assurances.
- Share the local program community service plan and budget prior to grant review so they can understand and make recommendations for the application.
- Discuss any financial, staffing, and compliance issues, or corrective action plans that KECDS identified.
- Identify goals or initiatives and plan for the submission of the SICC grant to LICCs and other grant opportunities.
- If needed, develop sub-committees or workgroups to meet identified community goals and initiatives.

Family involvement questions: What feedback (strengths and improvements) do you have or have you heard about any community events or community resources? What resources do you believe families could benefit from in our community?

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Third Quarter: Review and approve the state grant application

- LICC should review finalized grant application. & LICC chair must sign the grant application. This is a formal signature that ensures the community will support the provisions of the grant being implemented.
- Follow up on identified LICC needs from prior meetings.

Family Involvement question: How can we help families in our community learn about and understand early intervention and preschool services?

Fourth Quarter: Goals

- Review the successes of the year.
- Elect new LICC leaders per your LICC by-laws.
- Set goals and identify meeting dates for the next year.

Family involvement questions: What positive changes have families seen in our community this year related to young children? What do families need to be better supported in our community?

For more detailed information, reference KansasSICC.ksde.gov and the Kansas LICC Handbook.

Attachment #5 Fall LICC Retreat Professional Development

2025 Fall LICC Retreat: Screen Time and Young Minds: What's the Real Impact-And What Can We Do Instead?

Objectives:

- Describe the impacts of screen time across several domains of development
- Explain the importance of conversation and ways to engage in conversation throughout the day
- List 3-5 ways that play has a direct impact on speech and language development
- Understand the role of attachment and trust in early brain development
- Identify the impact on screen time on attachment and language development
- Explore Screen-free activities that promote attachment and language development

Course Descriptions & presenter biographies:

Course Description:

We live in a digital world surrounded by computers and technology everywhere we go which can make it increasingly more complex to raise a child to be physically, mentally, and socially healthy. Children need the same three things they have always needed to grow and develop; play, conversations with other people, and interacting with objects in the real world. These sessions will provide the "why and the how" to build a child's brain for language acquisition and educational success. Participants will leave with strategies and tips that can be immediately applied to a child's daily routines.

Presenter Biographies:

Angie Neal is the Policy Advisor for Speech-Language Services and Early Literacy at the South Carolina State Department of Education. She is board member with the State Education Agency Communication Disability Council (SEACDC), the recipient of the Rolland Van Hattum Award for contributions to schools (SC) and the Nancy McKinley Award for leadership in SLP (OH). She is a published author and presents on a wide variety of topics across the United States.

Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena is the Family Life & Resource Management Agent for K-State Research and Extension in Sedgwick County, Wichita, KS. A proud Extension professional for 20 years, she shares her passion for helping families thrive with practical, research-based tools to enhance their quality of life.

She authored and translated two award-winning K-State publications: Bonding thru Board Games: Developing the Six Traits of Strong Families Worldwide and Developing Vital Soft Skills Needed at Home, School, and Work. Her family/community program, designed for ages 3 to 99, has earned national recognition for multicultural diversity and visionary leadership.

Attachment #6 LICC Grant Awards

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

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

LICC / Infant Toddler program	# of counties served	Amount	Purpose
KS01 Southwest Kansas	13	$3000.00	Community engagement & awareness through events and advertising
KS02 Butler County	1	$1,597.98	Items for awareness at various community events including board books and self-calming toys
KS03 RCDC	13	$3000.00	TPBA2 (Transdisciplinary Play-Based Assessment) training & materials
KS05 OCCK – Cloud, Rep. Lincoln, Mitchell, & Jewell	5	$1,748.71	Drum Safari Family Engagement and Community Resource Event including interactive musical experiences.
KS05 Dickinson	3	$2,798.36	Self-care & mental wellness kits for mothers participating in various groups, including Mom's Mingle.
KS07 Douglas County	1	$2,940.05	New ITS website/ promotional items & community event
KS09 NW /EC3	11	$2,318.21	Branded promotional items and new website
KS10 NE KITS/Keystone	6	$3000.00	Branded promotional items to build cohesion
KS13 Harvey County	1	$3000.00	New branding recognition materials including brochures, materials for events, and promotional items to spread awareness
KS15 Salina Reg. H.C./PIECE	3	$2,229.92	Create engaging marketing materials and invitations to encourage families' interaction and for engagement materials for the events
KS16 Johnson County	1	$3000.00	Attendance and sponsorship of KC Mom & Baby event & promotional items
KS17 Riley Co	1	$3000.00	Developmental materials, family resources, branded items
KS19 Kid-Link	7	$2972.42	Community Baby Shower – rental space, door prizes and simple décor, Branded materials

KS21 Leavenworth	1	$2985.90	Items for community group connection events and presentations on early intervention
KS22 Marion Co	1	$2,410.51	Assistive Technology & Branded promotional materials
KS23 McPherson	1	$2,998.68	Community Engagement & promotional materials
KS26 Franklin & Osage	2	$3000.00	Purchase materials for educational activities, parental involvement and engagement in community events for children and families in the community
KS28 Pott/Wabun	2	$2,986.35	Community Outreach targeting medical providers and childcare providers & ITS website
KS30 REACH	3	$2,999.54	Based on our program's parent survey data showing need for community engagement: Read & Stroll Community Event
KS31 Reno Co	1	$2,979.68	Community
KS32 Sedgwick	1	$2,015.00	3rd Annual Grow Together Community Engagement and Resource Event & Social Emotional Training for LICC members, parents, families, providers & others.
KS33 TARC	1	$1,487.07	Outreach and engagement materials & home visiting parent resource packs
KS34 Southeast Kansas	12	$2,621.15	Stipend for family member participation & Community engagement
KS35 Sumner	1	$2,671.56	Community Engagement & training in providing trauma-informed services
KS36 Sunflower	5	$3000.00	Promotional materials for outreach, engagement & child find. Branded bags
KS37 Wyandotte County	1	$2,806.48	ACC library, Assistive Toy Library, Feeding Tool-Kit, Feeding PD
# of counties impacted	97		
Total		**$69,567.57**	

Not submitted:
4 programs
8 counties + 1 tribal nation

Attachment #7 Letter to U.S. legislators in support of IDEA

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The Honorable Kansas Congressional Delegation
Senator Roger Marshall
Senator Jerry Moran
Representative Sharice Davids
Representative Ron Estes
Representative Tracey Mann
Representative Derek Schmidt

Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services, also known as the State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC), respectfully urges your continued support for full funding of all components of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and other critical federal education programs as Congress considers Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations legislation.

The Council advises the Governor and Legislature on matters affecting Kansas children from birth to age five who have, or are at risk for, developmental delays and disabilities, as well as their families.

For fifty years, IDEA has reflected our nation's commitment to ensuring that children with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education and the services they need to thrive. Through a coordinated system of supports, IDEA serves infants, toddlers, preschoolers, children, and youth with disabilities while also supporting families and the professionals who serve them.

The Council appreciates that the Fiscal Year 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee preserves all components of IDEA, including the IDEA Preschool Program and IDEA Part D National Activities. We are also encouraged by the proposed increases of $10 million for IDEA Part C Infants, Toddlers, and Families and $35 million for IDEA Part B Grants to States.

While these actions represent important progress, the Council remains concerned that current funding levels do not fully address the growing needs of children, families, schools, and service providers. Demand for early intervention and special education services continues to increase, while states and local programs face ongoing workforce shortages and rising service costs.

Dedicated preschool funding is especially important because it supports early intervention and specialized educational services during the most critical years of child development. Research consistently demonstrates

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that early identification and intervention improve educational outcomes, increase independence, and reduce the need for more intensive services later in life. Preserving and strengthening the IDEA Preschool Program is essential to ensuring positive outcomes for young children and their families.

The Council is also concerned about the Administration's proposals that would consolidate IDEA funding into broader block grants. Such changes could jeopardize dedicated funding streams for preschool services, personnel development, parent information centers, and other targeted supports that have proven effective in helping children and families succeed. Without specific federal protections, there is no assurance that these critical programs would continue to receive adequate support.

In addition, IDEA Part D National Activities remain vital to personnel preparation, workforce development, technical assistance, technology initiatives, and parent support programs. At a time when Kansas and the nation continue to experience significant shortages of special educators, early intervention providers, and related service personnel, sustained investments in workforce development and professional preparation are more important than ever.

The Council is further concerned about broader reductions proposed for federal education programs. Proposed cuts to educator preparation and professional development programs, gifted education, educational research, and support for high-poverty schools could have long-term consequences for students and families across Kansas. We are particularly concerned about potential reductions to research initiatives that help policymakers, educators, and families better understand and meet the needs of children with disabilities.

As Congress continues the appropriations process and the Senate develops its Fiscal Year 2027 funding bill, the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services respectfully urges you to:

- Protect and fully fund the IDEA Preschool Program.
- Protect and fully fund IDEA Part D National Activities.
- Increase investments in IDEA Part B and Part C programs to address growing needs.
- Reject proposals that would consolidate IDEA funding into block grants.
- Preserve investments in personnel preparation, parent support, technical assistance, and educational research.
- Maintain a strong federal commitment to education and services for children with disabilities and their families.

Children with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who serve them depend on the continued strength of IDEA and related federal programs. As the appropriations process moves forward, we encourage Congress to build upon the positive steps already taken to preserve IDEA while ensuring that funding levels are sufficient to

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meet the needs of children, families, schools, and communities across Kansas and the nation.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the people of Kansas. We respectfully ask for your leadership in ensuring that federal funding reflects our shared commitment to providing every child with the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services (SICC),

Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer
Chair

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