

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early  
Childhood Developmental Services /  
Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Virtual  
February 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM

**Members Present**

David Lindeman, Chair & Regents Representative  
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative  
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)  
Christie Wyckoff, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund  
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)  
Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)  
Taylor Bremer, Medicaid Representative  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Parent Member  
Hilary Crist, Service Provider Member  
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member  
Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member  
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member  
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member  
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member  
Diana Martinez, Head Start Representative  
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison  
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)  
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

**Members Not Present**

Kim Campbell, Parent Member  
Breanna Clark, Parent Member  
Courtney Hochman, Public Member  
Gary Henault, KDADS  
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator  
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator

**Nonmembers Present**

Stacy Novak, KSDE SICC Staff Person  
Amanda Petersen, KSDE Early Childhood Director

Jared Barton KU-CPPR, ECIDS  
Emily Bertels Kaufman KU- CPPR, ECIDS  
Michelle Calvert  
Jen Pishny  
Melissa Valenza  
Kelly Frantz-Langsford  
Laci Reamer – Families Together

**Call to order:**

Chair Dave Lindeman introduced himself and called the meeting to order.  
Introductions were made by all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from December 2023 were reviewed and approved.  
Motion made by Lisa Collette to accept minutes  
Seconded by Tricia Waggoner  
Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Meeting agenda:**

The agenda for Feb. 2023 was reviewed and approved with revisions.  
Susan Bowles moved to accept the agenda  
Taylor Bremer seconded the motion  
Motion carried – All members voted yes

**Public Comment:**

No request came in for public comment.  
No public comments made

**Distinct Count of Children Served Dashboard**

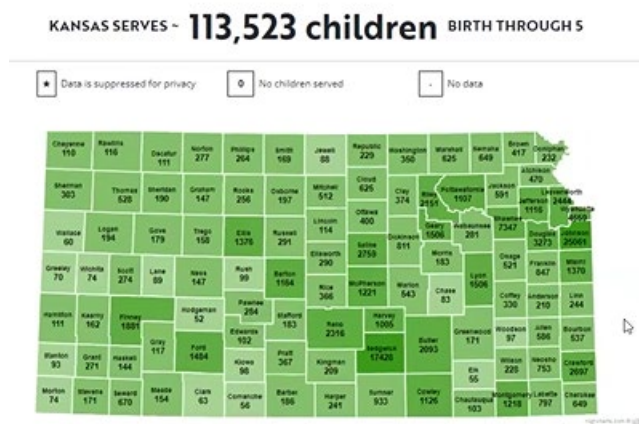
Jared Barton Asst. Director KU\_CPPR & Emily Bertels Kaufman

<https://kschildrenscabinet.org/distinct-count-of-children/>

The data trust is a group (of state agencies) that creates a Legal and Ethical framework, Technical standards and Tools and the Data Governance Process  
The Children Cabinets and Trust Fund lead it.  
State Department of Education, Department of Health and Environment, Child Welfare Department, the Department for Children Families, Department of Corrections are all members of the Data Trust in Kansas.

- Goal
  - Identify the distinct number (unduplicated count) of Kansas children being served in programs across different data systems at the state level and present the information in a visual way.
  - Phase 1: Gather aggregate data from publicly-available data sources
- Initial focus on the 4 systems serving children in Kansas:
  - Child care,
  - Public pre-K (including Part B),
  - Part C
  - Home Visiting

## Review of the Dashboard



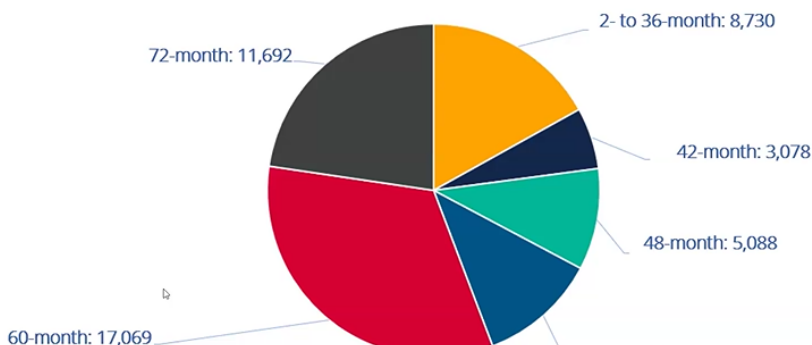
Is this an unduplicated count? – not necessarily since the counts are not specific to individual children. They are working towards deduplicated counts.

- **Kansas Early Childhood Data Trust**
  - share data and information to improve the quality, effectiveness, and equity of programs and services
  - *Authorized Project 1*: ECBG and the Prevention of Foster Care Removals
  - *Authorized Project 2*: Distinct Count of Children in Early Care and Education Services
- **Dashboard plans**
  - Census data
  - Next year's data
  - Additional explanatory text
  - *Exploring additional improvements, guided by feedback from users*
- **Stellar Insights webinars**: sharing knowledge, identifying needs, nurturing collaboration

### State Program Update:

Kansas ASQ Usage Update:

## Kansas ASQ-3 Screenings by age interval January 1- December 31, 2023



## ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 Results, All Ages January 1 to Dec 31, 2023



Question: Can we discern the source of the screenings? Answer – yes. Someone could manually review the spreadsheets to determine this.

Comment – this information would be good to be able to target areas of need

Can we determine if children labeled as “at risk” have been provided follow-up? We can't track that in the system mainly because most programs don't use the follow up feature in the system. However, as part of the agreement, they should be following up with families within 2 weeks.

Is this the only screening approved in Kansas?

No, there are other screenings for specific areas. This is the Kansas adopted developmental screening.

All in For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan is being developed and opportunities for feedback are happening. The KDEC conference will have a session centered on this.

To be accredited in Kansas each school must administer data on incoming Kindergarten children. The ASQ is currently the only screener approved by the Kansas BOE.

Preschool programs are not required to use the online program but they are required to screen children within 9 months of enrollment.

### **SPP/APR Report for Kansas Part C**

State Performance Plan/ Annual Performance Report July 1 2022- June 30, 2023

**11,108 children served**

Indicator 1 – met target

Indicator 2 – met target

Indicator 3 – A, B, C

A – met target

A2 – met target

B1 – met target

B2 – met target

C1 – met target

C2 – did not meet target- slippage (went down)

Indicator 4 – 9% last year to 16% this year

A – met target

B – met target

C – met target

Indicator 5 – met target

Indicator 6 – met target

Indicator 7 – did not meet target 99.78% (100% target)

Indicator 8

A – did not meet target 99.85% (100%)

B - did not meet target 99.24% (100%)

C - did not meet target 99.59% (100%)

Indicator 8 – closer to 100%

Indicator 9 & 10 do not apply to Kansas

**Executive committee met prior to the submission deadline and agreed to act for the council so the report could be submitted on time.**

Does the Council provide affirmation of the action taken by the Executive Committee?

Motion by Monica Ross

Seconded by Marites Altuna

All approved

### **Grant Request**

Reno County – Anger and Rage training for LICC members and family members  
Training and book study for \$2000.

Monica Ross made a motion to approval the grant proposal.  
Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena seconded  
Approved

### **March meeting date change**

Due to the meeting falling during Spring Break, should we adjust the meeting date?  
Susan Bowles motioned to move the meeting to March 22  
Lisa Collette seconded the motion  
All approved  
The meeting will be March 22, 2024

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Executive Committee**

Reviewed and approved the SPP/APR so it could be submitted on time  
Approved the agenda  
Discussion to have SICCC Council member training during the May 2024 meeting.  
    Seeking consensus - a consensus was confirmed  
    Plans will be made for May.

### **EC / LRE Workgroup**

Did not meet.

### **LICC Support Committee**

Reviewed the evaluation results from the last Fall Retreat  
Noted – high need for social emotional and behavioral problems by providers  
Will be adjusting session times and breaks  
Suggested topics –  
    SE learning and in the home  
    Improving parent engagement  
    Autism  
Will be exploring how to support LICCs with transitions.

Upcoming Fall Retreat: November 1, 2024 in morning  
Upcoming committee meeting Thursday, March 7

### **Social Emotional Workgroup**

Will be meeting Feb. 21 so we can attend the CNW webinar about child nutrition and wellness  
PAX family behavior support training opportunities was shared with Part C coordinators

### SPP/APR

Will meet again in April when clarification opens.

This is when the agency clarifies any questions to the office of special education

### Workforce / Funding Committee

Working on letters of support or recommendations

KDHE database support

Increase funding of \$2M for Early Intervention (Tiny K Alliance)

Executive Committee will review it and the letter will be shared prior to the next SICC.

Future plans:

- Private Insurance
- Medicaid insurance codes

Lisa Represented the SICC at the Early Childhood Recommendations Panel with a short presentation about what the SICC is working on.

## Agency Reports:

### KSDE Report

School Improvement, Accreditation and Kindergarten Readiness:

Fundamentals:

- Structured Literacy
- Standards Alignment
- Balanced Assessment System
- Quality Instruction

School Districts will meet to review data, discuss what they are currently doing and develop an action plan for how they will meet accreditation.

Data districts will review:

- Indicator 6: Preschool Environments
- Kindergarten Readiness ASQ participation numbers

Kansas Early Learning Standards have been approved by the Children's Cabinet

Training opportunities were shared.

## Office of Early Childhood proposal

- House Bill 2785: Introduced in House Child Welfare and Foster Care Committee, referred to House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee, referred today to House Appropriations Committee
- Senate Bill 501: Introduced in Senate Ways and Means Committee, referred to Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

### SEAC Report (quarterly)

SPP/APR reviewed and approved

Exploring statewide IEP in the future

Virtual schools and special education services

Many students that return to public in person school have significant needs

Adjustments will need to be made to IEPs as students transition

ESI – Emergency Safety Intervention - data presented.

More ESI for general education students – positive trend since typically ESI tends to happen with special education students. This may indicate that the behavior supports in SPED aren't experiencing more ESI.

### DCF Report

Kansas family with school age children have received \$120 per child eligible to families. Children who qualified for free or reduced price school meals qualified.

114,000 children received the money

There is a process to seek the reimbursement.

<https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apsspssp/sspNonMed.portal>

DCF working to license relative or kin foster care members. Families will then be able to receive increased services and money.

### KDHE Report

Database funding request made it into the governor's budget.

Part C is now fully staffed – new compliance staff member

Transitions conversation continue with KSDE

Family rights booklets are being printed and delivered to local programs

Spanish version coming soon

IFSP review

Address local issues around transition in Dodge City

In Person coordinator's meeting was held yesterday. This was the first in person coordinator's meeting since COVID began.



### KDADS Report

No report

### KCCTF Report

\$27.7 M funded to build multipurpose child care facilities approved  
ECBG grant applications are out for renewals only this year

### Families Together

Families birth – 5 with individualized support – 263 families

167 – Tier 2 support

8 – Tier 3 support

Step Ahead at age 3 booklets have been printed and shared

Spanish version is coming out soon

Step Ahead training is available too

FAST program – DCF grant

Birth – age 17

Children with developmental or intellectual disabilities

Goal – keep families out of DCF needs

Darla Nelson Metzger leading this

Families on Groups make decisions – booklet available for family members on SICC

## Other Reports:

### Staff Reports:

#### Staff Report



- SICC Membership – need 2 parent members with children in an infant toddler program
- Supporting 2 programs with transitions from Part C to B
- KDHE & KSDE meeting monthly to discuss Part C to B Transitions
- SEAC meeting
- Kindergarten Readiness School Improvement Workgroup @ KSDE
- Learning more about preschool including ECO training
- KDEC Conference planning
- Coordinator meeting

### Chair Report

No report

Adjournment:

Motion made by Lisa Collette to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion seconded by Tricia Waggoner.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm by Dave Lindeman  
All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be on March 22, 2023.