

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early
Childhood Developmental Services /
Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 21, 2026

Members Present (15 voting members total)

Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Chairperson & Service Provider
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Angel Spann, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Chanda Gross, Medicaid Representative
Jennifer Francois, KSU, Board of Regents representative – joined at 2 p.m.
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Tiffany Bartley, Service Provider Member

Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present

Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Shanna Hailey, KS Department of Aging and Disabilities
vacant, Head Start/Early Head Start Representative
Nicole Gilmore, Pittsburg Child Dev. Center, pending member
Courtney Hochman, Parent Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member
Shanna Hailey, KS Department of Aging and Disabilities
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison (Ex-Officio)
Craig Barnes, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

Nonmembers Present

Stacy Clarke, SICCC Coordinator
Peggy Kemp, KITS
Mikayla Lawless
ERenae' – grandparent
Tammy Wallin
Kayla Pettibone

Call to order:

Chair Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeier called the meeting to order.

Introductions were made in the chat and new members were noted.

(It was noted that there was not a quorum. So unofficial business was reviewed.)

New members:

Craig Barnes, Jennifer Francois (also joining the Exec. Committee), Nicole Gilmore

Previous members:

Melissa Schoenburger, Nichelle Adams, Bronwyn Fees, Sen. Erickson, and Rep. Ruiz

Noted that we should look into changing the end of legislator's appointment to January.

Seeking new Head Start/ Early Head Start Representative

Additional parent members (4) required to be ¼ of the Council

Consent Agenda items:

- Meeting Minutes:
- Meeting agenda:
- SICC Travel Reimbursement Policy updates
- LICC Meeting Guidance for the year document updates

Moved to approve Tiffany Bartley

Seconded by Lisa Collete

All approved, motion passed

Public Comment:

No request came in for public comment.

SICC MOU between KDHE, DCF and KSDE is coming to an end on June 30, 2027

SICC Budget: reviewed that all funds due from DCF are spent/allocated and \$86,853.51 is available from KDHE with approximately \$15,000 already allocated.

LICC Grants:

Due to limited budget, it was suggested that LICC grants for 2026-27 be in the amount of \$1000.

To ensure all money is allocated by June 30, 2027, grant invoices will be due by March 2027. This will allow for unallocated funds to be spent on other SICC initiatives.

- **Proposed language for 2026-27:** LICC Grant applications must be targeted toward one of three priorities: increasing parent involvement in the LICC, increasing public awareness of early intervention services, or supporting a local workforce retention

or recruitment initiative. Projects should clearly demonstrate how the proposed activities will advance at least one of these priorities.

At the next SICC meeting, we will review the proposed LICC Grant Application to include further guidance on

Motion made by Lisa Collette

Second by Susan Bowles

Motion carried – All members voted yes

SICC Parent members: Asked SICC members to share the Parent flyer and noted that the SICC homepage has been updated to include a place for parents to express interest in joining the SICC.

Strategic Plan:

Reviewed the proposed goals:

Goal 1: Increase the awareness of Early Child Intervention Birth to 3 (ECI) through increasing Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) membership

Goal 2: Increase awareness of ECI across Kansas through marketing

Goal 3 & 4: Connection with Institutions of High Education (IHE) to career pathway work.

Focused on other service providers & supporting diverse birth – 5 practicum experiences

Goal 5: Remove barriers between lead agencies to support clear paths to licensure while maintaining high-quality personnel.

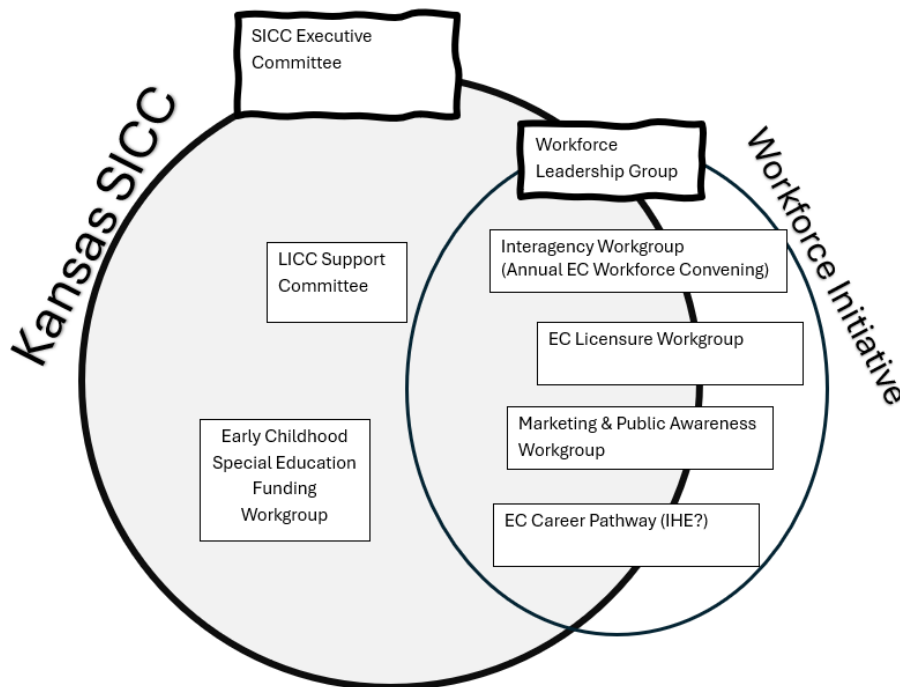
Goal 6: ~~Facilitate~~ **Participate in** planning an interagency annual early childhood workforce convening.

Goal 7: Maintain awareness of funding changes that affect birth to 5 special education services and offer advice and assistance to maximize funding.

Goal 8: Offer relevant professional development to LICC and community members each year through a Fall LICC Retreat.

Goal	Committee/Workgroup	Type of activities
Goal 1: Increase the awareness of Early Child Intervention Birth to 3 (ECI) through increasing Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) membership	LICC Support Committee	Creating guidance documents
Goal 2: Increase awareness of ECI across Kansas through marketing	Marketing Workgroup (new group)	Championing ECI & marketing
Goal 3 & 4: Connection with Institutions of High Education (IHE) to career pathway work. Focused on other service providers & supporting diverse birth – 5 practicum experiences	Higher Ed Connection Workgroup (new group)	Collaboration and documentation with a passion for high quality services and promoting ECI
Goal 5: Remove barriers between lead agencies to support clear paths to licensure while maintaining high quality personnel.	Licensure Workgroup (new group)	Gathering information in an organized format
Goal 6: Facilitate an interagency annual early childhood workforce convening.	Interagency Workgroup (new group)	Organizing and facilitating an event
Goal 7: Maintain awareness of funding changes that affect birth to 5 special education services and offer advice and assistance to maximize funding.	Funding Workgroup (new group that will begin in winter)	Research and advocacy
Goal 8: Offer relevant professional development to LICC and community members each year through a Fall LICC Retreat.	LICC Support Committee	Organizing and facilitating an event

Visual of the SICC structure



Suggestions:

- Change EC Sped Funding to a Committee
- Add Workforce Convening to *lead by KOEC

Workforce Leadership Group members:

Aysha Satterlee – KSDE Licensure
Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer- Part B Representative
Kayla Pettibone – Parent representative
Kim Kennedy – KOEC & Head Start Representative
Jennifer Francois – KS Board of Regents Representative (KSU)
Melissa Schoenbuerger – KOEC Representative
Peggy Kemp – Director KITS & DEC Exec. Dir.
Tammy Wallin – Part C Rep. (KITS EI TA Specialist)

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – approved agenda, discussed budget and LICC grants

LICC Support Committee – continuing to work on the Fall LICC Retreat

Licensure Workgroup –

The licensure Workgroup met on August 11 from 3:00-4:00. During the meeting, members reviewed and discussed the workgroup’s goals and action plan, including:

- Removing barriers between Early Intervention (Part C) and Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) licensure pathways.
- Identifying opportunities to centralize licensure information and requirements in one accessible location.

Highlights:

- A Basecamp workspace was created to support communication, collaboration, and document sharing among workgroup members.
- Members are currently collecting and reviewing licensure guidance, regulations, and Part C requirements from relevant agencies.

Agency Reports:

DCF- DCF has announced new family resource center awards [DCF Announces \\$1.1 Million Investment to Strengthen Family Resource Centers Across Kansas](#)

KCCTF/KOEC- none

KDADS-none

KDHE- The new database is open. Their team and KITS are very busy working on addressing issues.

KSDE- Lindsay Graf new Director of Special Education at KSDE
All other staff you would contact should have the same contact information.

Families Together- none

Staff Report

- Organizing information from the strategic planning work
- Parent member recruitment
- Working on the Annual Report
- Tracking LICC meeting & members
- Brian Dempsey and I will be presenting on a national webinar regarding Kansas SEAC & SICC collaboration – September 23
- ASQ statewide training
 - KSDE - preschool and kindergarten providers
 - KDHE – health departments
 - KCCTO – child care providers
 - KPATA – home visitors

Adjournment:

Motion made by Lisa Collette to adjourn the meeting.

Motion second by Tiffany Bartley.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm by Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer

All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be:
September 18, 2026