

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early
Childhood Developmental Services /
Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 18, 2026

Members Present *(15 voting members)*

Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Chairperson & Service Provider
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Angel Spann, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Chanda Gross, Medicaid Representative
Shanna Hailey, KS Department of Aging and Disabilities
Jennifer Francois, KSU, Board of Regents representative
Gabrielle Tanner, Head Start/Early Head Start Representative
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member
Tiffany Bartley, Service Provider Member

Members Not Present

Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member
Courtney Hochman, Parent Member
Craig Barnes, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison (Ex-Officio)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Nonmembers Present

Stacy Clarke, SICCC Coordinator
Nicole Gilmore, Pittsburg Child Dev. Center, pending member
Mikayla Lawless, implementation specialist
Kelly Frantz-Langston, Shawnee County Part C Coordinator
Caroline Teter
Brenda Soto- DCF
Linda Buchheister, KDADS
Sara Gardner, AiFKK

Call to order:

Chair Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeier called the meeting to order.
(it was noted that there was a quorum).

Consent Agenda Items:

- Meeting Minutes:
- Meeting agenda:
- Proposed LICC Grant Application

Motion made by Tricia Wagonner to approve the consent agenda items
Motion second by Erin Schuweiler.
All in favor

Public Comment:

No request came in for public comment.

State Programs:

Children's Mental Health Continuum of Care, Brenda Soto

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*Noted that this would be a good resource for Family Resource Centers

All in for Kansas Kids Dashboard – My Sidewalk: Tracking the Early
Childhood work happening in Kansas , Sara Gardner

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:ea285e79-0027-4c11-99c1-9e6384e833df>

- [All In For Kansas Kids | AIFKK SP Monitoring Playground](#)
- [Share your bright spot: AIFKK Strategic Plan Dashboard: Collaborate With Us!](#)
- They have a master tracker of the work happening that could be used to maintain and curate the workforce data.

SICC Annual Report

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2025-26 SICC Annual Report

Highlights:

- Provided guidance to Part C programs to addressing staffing shortages
- Increased the effectiveness of LICC meetings by creating a guidance document
- Hosted professional development on how screen time effects the developing brain to over 300 people
- Sponsored the Kansas Division of Early Childhood conference
- Awarded \$69,567 to LICCs to increase awareness of ITS, improve family involvement, and provide needed training. 97/105 counties positively effected.
- Worked with the Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Center to plan for workforce support in Kansas.

Learned about:

- Part C programs updated site visits for monitoring
- Kansas resources for child & family well-being data
- Ways to engage families from various organizations

Gabrielle Tanner moved to approve the 2026-27 Annual SICC Report
Seconded by Susan Bowles
Motion passed unanimously

The SICC is requesting a meeting with the governor to present the annual report and highlight early intervention and early childhood preschool.

Annual Planning updates:

2026-2027 SICC Proposed Goals

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

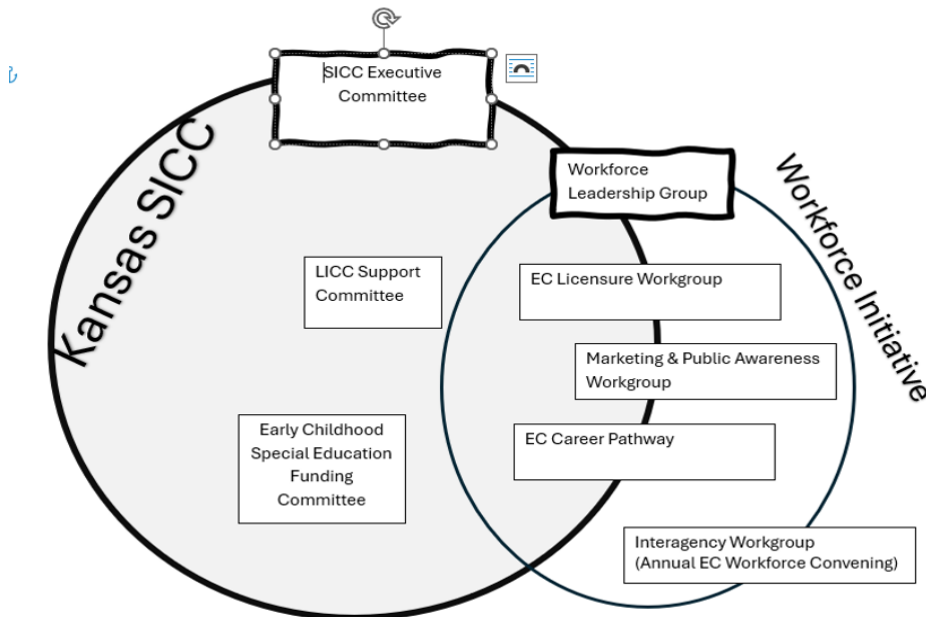
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Committee Assignments:

Executive Committee

- Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer (chairperson)
- Lisa Collette (vice-chair)
- Jennifer Francois
- Parent member – vacant

LICC Support Committee

- Susan Bowles (chair)
- Erin Schuweiler
- Jennifer Oborny
- Marites Altuna
- Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena

Funding Workgroup

- Monica Ross
- Courtney Hochman
- Chanda Gross
- Nicole Gilmore

Workforce Leadership Group

- Aysha Satterlee
- Kathy K.O.
- Kim Kennedy
- Jennifer Francois
- Kayla Pettibone
- Jen Burgardt
- Melissa Schoenberger
- Tammy Wallin
- Stacy Clarke
- Peggy Kemp

Interagency Workgroup

- Jennifer Burgardt
- Kim Kennedy
- Sydney Dringman
- McKayla Lawless

Marketing and Public Awareness Workgroup

- Kayla Pettibone
- Marites Altuna
- Lisa Collette
- Nicole Gilmore

Higher Ed Connection Workgroup

- Sherron Field
- Jennifer Francois
- Peggy Kemp

Licensure Workgroup

- Aysha Satterlee
- Angel Spann
- Tammie Wallin
- Tricia Waggoner
- Amy Gottschamer

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- Tricia needs added to Executive committee
 - Tiffany Bartley needs added
 - Gabby will be thinking about the workgroup she would like to join

Chair Report

Reminder about the important role of agency representatives

Committee Updates:

Chair Report/Executive Committee Report

Meeting the Thursday prior to the SICC meeting @ 1pm

- Reviewing the agenda & previewing the meeting contents
- Support for funding
- Change in location of Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) and leadership change
- Agency representation is important

LICC Support committee

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month @3:45

- The Fall LICC Retreat is on track.
- Currently over 80 people are registered
- You should see another round of reminders being sent
- During the Fall Retreat, we'll share some of the updated LICC supports that are created/updated.

Other:

Start reviewing and updating the LICC Handbook

Updates:

Workforce Leadership Group

Reviewed vision, mission and purpose

- There was discussion about specific terminology that needs to be further discussed and refined
- There were some revisions needed to visual provided by ECiPC

Workgroups present provided updates

- Current workgroup leads were identified
- Discussed action plans
- Asked for feedback on action plans by group

Discussed expectations moving forward

- Determined that this group will meet monthly prior to the SICC meeting
 - Meeting notes would be sent out to group and to our ECiPC partners
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EC Licensure Workgroup

- Met in August
- Collecting documents & information for related service providers and teaching staff
- Will meet again in October

Marketing & Public Awareness Workgroup

Meeting dates TBD

The group identified the need to first determine:

- What information should be shared with families, providers, and the community.
- Which platforms should be used.
- What topics should be covered.
- How often content should be shared.
- Who will be responsible for developing, approving, and disseminating content.

Gather information about releases for using quotes and pictures

Hope to have flyers to LICCs in January

EC Career Pathway Workgroup

- Will meet Sept. 25
- Adding Stephanie Parks to the workgroup

Interagency collaboration on the Annual Workforce Convening – no report

Funding Workgroup

- Education Funding Task Force – meeting November 17-18, Dec. 10 -11
- Part C wasn't include in the child count increase the last time special education funding was changed.
- Will be writing a letter to the task force.

Agency Reports:

DCF-

- New Family Resource Center Awards
- Children's Alliance of Kansas – Child Welfare Workforce development grants from the legislature funding increase

KCCTF/Office of Early Childhood – no update

Working on a designated Office of Early Childhood representative

KDADS - none

KDHE- Launched new database – significant issues

Proposed language changes to KARs will be open soon.

- Copies of the proposed language shared with members.
KAR 28-4-550
KAR 28-4-565
KAR 28-4-568
KAR 28-4-569

KSDE

- Hosted the MTSS Symposium
- Instructional Technology Act work being completed
- Movement of OSERS staff to HHS & change in leadership

Families Together

Written report attached

SEAC Report (quarterly)

Staff Report

- Finished the Annual Report
- Supporting/organizing new workgroups
- Family member recruitment (LICC&SICC)
- Updated the LICC Grant app

***Reach out to me if you are waiting on my response**

More feedback using the website link: 3 people have inquired.
Headlined on the AiFKK Newsletter

Chair Report – committee attendance is important for completing work

Adjournment:

Motion made by Susan Bowles to adjourn the meeting.
Motion second by Lisa Collette.
Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm by Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer
All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be:
October 16 @ 1 pm



Families Together, Inc.

SICC Report June - August 2026 (Birth - 5)

Information from Program Statistics Report

433 individualized consultations and training



■ Tier 1 PA ■ Tier 2 PA ■ Tier 3 PA ■ IEPMP ■ Events

Ethnicity Breakdown:

African American - 18%
Asian - 0%
Caucasian - 61%
Hispanic - 13%
Native American - 1%
Two or More Races - 2%
Not Determined/Other - 5%

Age of child/youth:

0 - 3%
1 - 5%
2 - 5%
3 - 18%
4 - 32%
5 - 37%



Primary Disability

Developmental Delay - 53
Autism - 52
Suspected Disability - 26
Other Health Impairment - 25
No I.D.E.A. Disability - 14
Multiple Disabilities - 11
Speech or Language Impairment - 10
Orthopedic Impairment - 8
Intellectual Disability - 3
Deaf-Hearing Impairment - 1
Emotional Disturbance - 1
Traumatic Brain Injury - 1



■ Family Assistance ■ Events

By Contact Content (Top 20)

59 - Family Check-In
45 - IEP
33 - Families Together Information
20 - Comprehensive Evaluation
15 - BIP/FBA
15 - Parents Rights
14 - Related Services
13 - Community Services
12 - Education Advocate
10 - Placement Options
10 - Early Childhood
10 - HCBS Waiver
9 - Medical Issues
8 - LRE
8 - Transportation
7 - Family/School Partnership
6 - Accomodations
5 - Preschool
4 - Person Centered Planning
4- Transition



Kan-Be-Healthy



This article will introduce you to the Kan-Be-Healthy program and Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment

Education Advocate

Appointments
185

Cancellations
173