Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services / Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 12, 2025

Members Present *(19 voting members)*
Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer, Chairperson & Service Provider
Lisa Collette, Vice-Chair & Insurance Commission Representative
Melissa Schoenberger, for Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Angel Spann, for Dr. Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education,
Nichelle Adams, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Sydney Dringman, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF)
Chanda Gross, Medicaid Representative
Shanna Hailey, KS Department of Aging and Disabilities
Bronwyn Fees, KSU, Board of Regents representative
Susan Bowles, Service Provider Member
Erin Schuweiler, Service Provider Member
Marites Altuna, Service Provider Member
Jennifer King, SEAC liaison (Ex-Officio)
Kim Kennedy, Kansas Dept. for Children and Families (DCF) (Ex-Officio)

Members Not Present
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Alyssa Vanderhoof, Head Start/Early Head Start Representative
Ann Elliott, Service Provider Member
Monica Ross, Service Provider Member
Senator Renee Erickson, Legislator
Representative Susan Ruiz, Legislator
Courtney Hochman, Parent Member
Lesli Girard, Families Together (Ex-Officio)

Nonmembers Present
Stacy Clarke, SICC Coordinator
Tiffany Bartel, Head Start
Jessica Dameron, Part C Coordinator
Misty Goosen, KITS provider
Amity Ihrig, Part C Coordinator
Erin Lawrence, LICC chairperson
Nichole Fairley, LICC chairperson

Debbie Lair, Part C Coordinator
Andrea Scott, Greenbush EC staff

Call to order:
Chair Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer called the meeting to order.
Introductions were made by all present (it was noted that there was a quorum).

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for November were reviewed and approved.
Motion made by Shanna Hailey to accept minutes
Second by Marites Altuna
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Meeting agenda:

The agenda for December was reviewed and approved with revisions.
Susan Bowles moved to accept the agenda
Marites Altuna seconded the motion
Motion carried – All members voted yes

Public Comment:
No request came in for public comment.

State Program: *Kansas Child & Family Well-Being Pathway presentation by Meghan Cizek, KU-CPPR*

Kansas Child & Family Well-Being Pathway

Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Home
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KANSAS CHILD & FAMILY
Well-Being Pathway
A county-level guide to the well-being of Kansas children and families.
We asked Kansans...
What does, "well-being" mean t
The Well-Being Pathway compile
from Kansans into six dimensio
displays a variety of related data
county.
Choose a county below to see a
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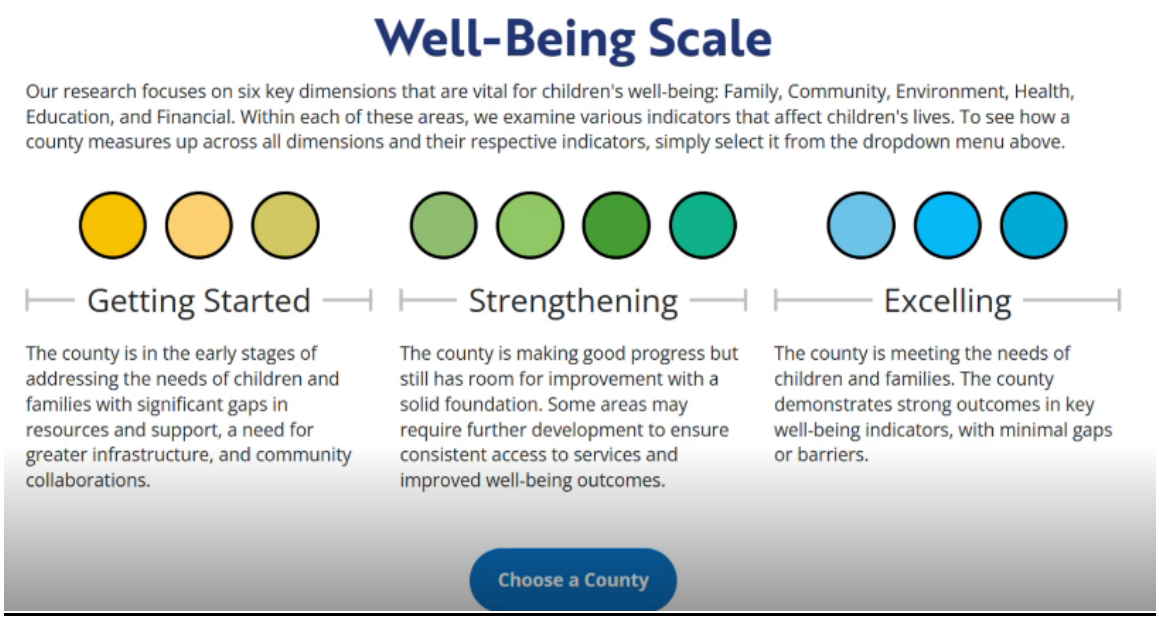
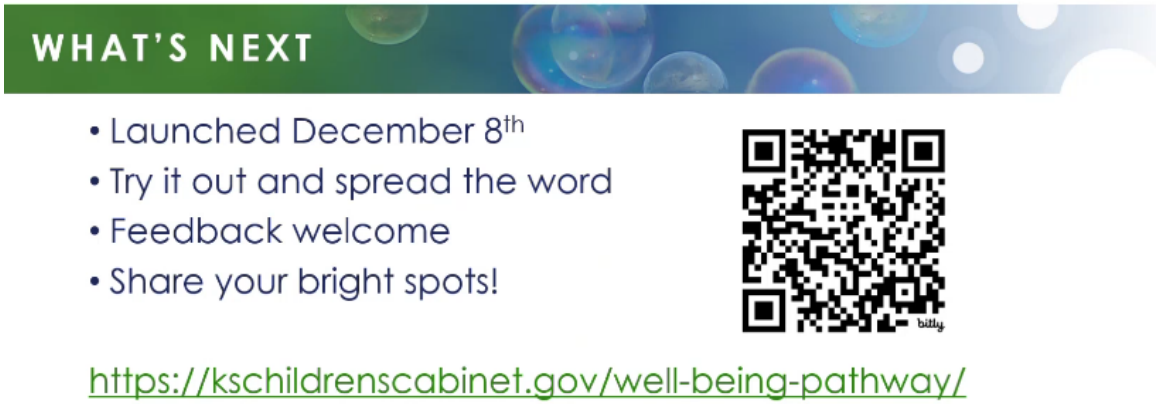
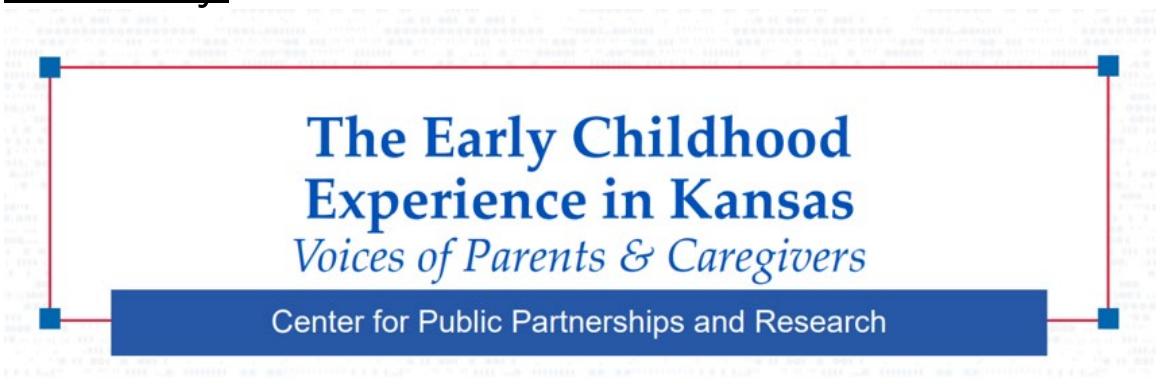
Explore the Data
Gather New Ideas
Take Action!
Details & Funding

Community
Environment
Health
Financial
Learning & Development
Family & Household





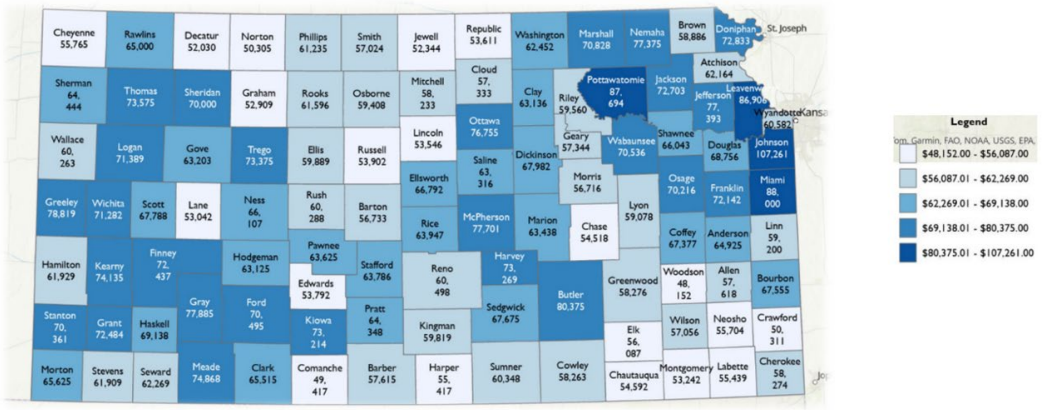
Other Early Childhood resources to learn about a community:



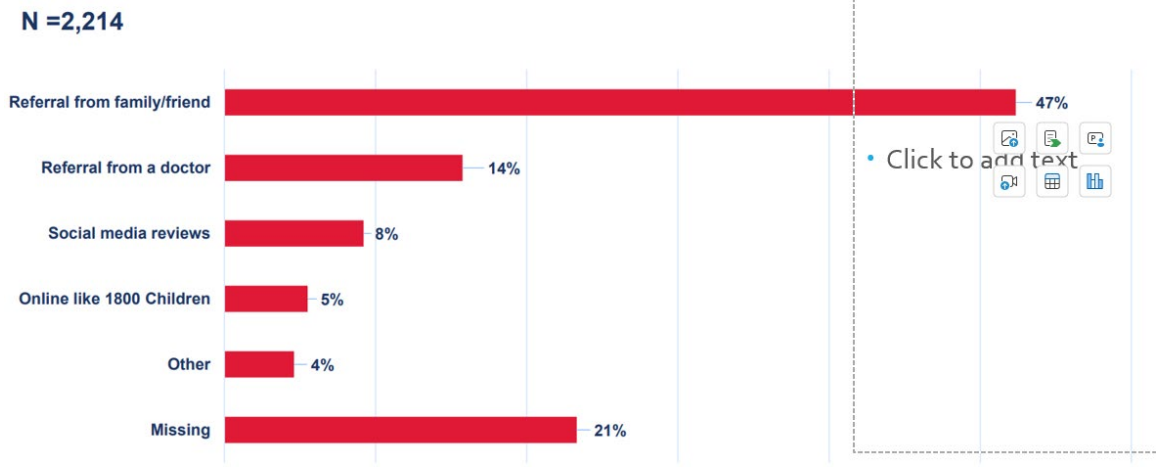
[November 21, 2025 - Early Childhood Recommendations Panel Meeting](#)at 49 minutes

[Panel PPT Nov 2025](#)

Median Household Income for Families, by County, 2022

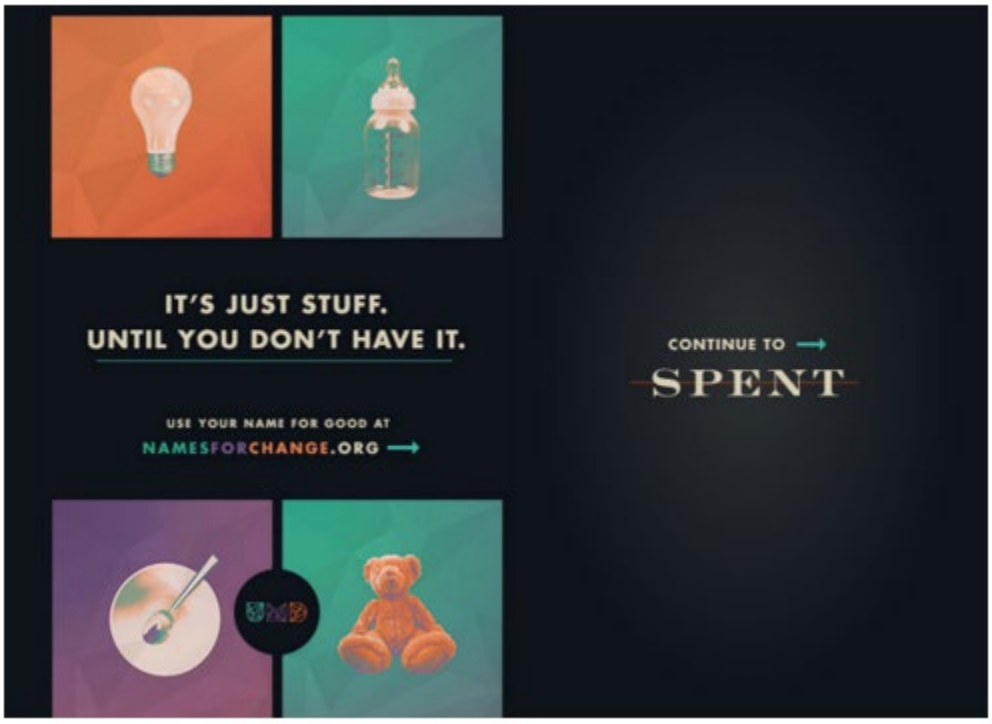


What helps or encourages you to connect to services in your community?



Cross-Cutting Themes

- Availability doesn't equate to access
- Trust, relationships, continuity matter
- Economic & emotional well-being are intertwined



Short poverty simulation:
https://playspent.org/

ECIDS Dashboard | Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

LICC Grants

none

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee – none

ECLRE Committee –

- continuation of KCCTO Part C and Part B training for child care providers
- Will be looking at Indicator 6 data to determine if there is action the committee could take

LICC Support Committee –

- Evaluations from 2025 retreat were very good
- considering inviting Angie Neal to present again at the Fall LICC Retreat
- STEMIE - https://stemie.fpg.unc.edu/
- Supporting local transition MOUs
- LICC support page being updated (including updates that will be in the updated Part C Policy Manual).
- Next meeting January 15, 2026 @ 3:45 pm

SICC Systems & Services Committee – will meet next week

Medicaid Workgroup – Hiatus until KU Research project is complete

Cat. Aid Workgroup – continuing to gather information and getting close to releasing a guidance document for Transportation-Cat. Aid.

Agency Reports:

DCF - none

KCCTF – none

Executive Director of the Early Childhood Office must be named by January 1, 2026

KDADS – DCO5 Policy will go in place on January 1, 2026

KDHE - none

KSDE

- KPP Grant applications open for 2026-27
- 11 addition outstanding Kansas PAT programs – Blue Ribbon endorsement
- Professional Development for paras – virtual conference
  38th National NRCP Virtual Conference
- At the 2025 national PAT conference, 2 Kansas PAT providers received 2 of the 4 major PAT awards

Families Together - none

Staff Report:

- KDHE & KSDE Transitions meeting
- Coordinator Meeting
- KDEC Conference poster presentations on the SICC and effective LICCs will happen in February
- January's meeting is in person. We'll start at 8 am with breakfast with the Kansas State Board of Education at the Landon Building. We will them meet in the new Docking Building beginning approximately at 9:15.

Chair Report

Adjournment:

Motion made by Shanna Hailey to adjourn the meeting.
Motion second by Marites Altuna.
Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm by Kathy Kersenbrock Ostmeyer
All in favor

The next State ICC meeting will be:
Wednesday, January 14 from 8 am – 3 pm in Topeka – This is our joint meeting with the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) meeting.