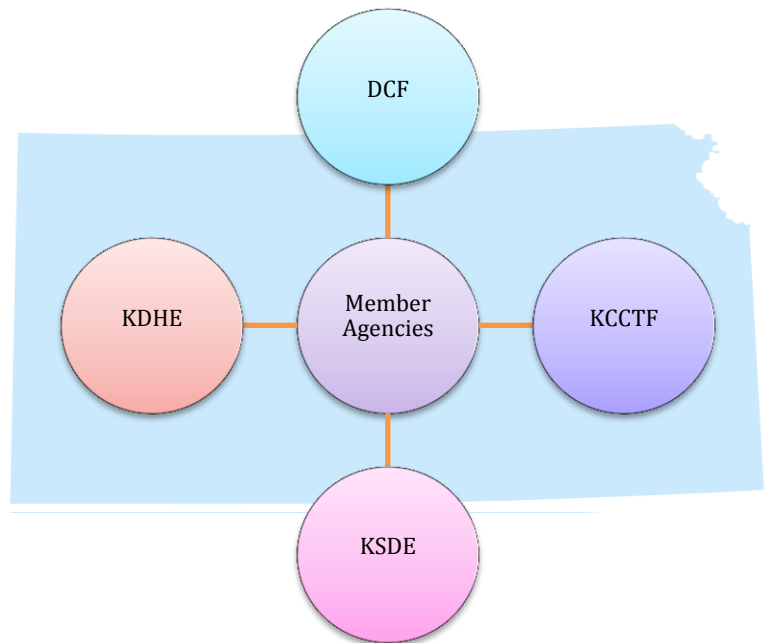


What is the State Agencies Early Childhood Leadership Team?



The State Agencies Early Childhood Leadership Team is a formalized group of state agency early childhood program administrators created to:

- Represent Kansas state agencies as a collective voice on early childhood from birth to after kindergarten entry.
- Plan and initiate cross-agency unified efforts and outreach directed toward development of a comprehensive early childhood system.

The State Agencies Early Childhood Leadership Team is:

- Systemic in its orientation.
- Future-oriented.
- Strategic in its actions.
- Focused on continuity of effort over time.

How is its Purpose Achieved?

- Working toward a cohesive, statewide action plan to guide a time-defined implementation plan.
- Facilitating cross-agency unified efforts to support early childhood comprehensive systems development.
- Assuming responsibility for actions that generate a systemic, cross-agency infrastructure to support programs' work.
- Relying on data to assess the early childhood system's functioning and the resultant well-being of children and families.
- Providing strategic input to agency leadership and external stakeholders/networks regarding early childhood programs and services.
- Facilitating increased service coordination.
- Reducing duplication.

What Are the Results?



- Team and Agency relationships with constituencies and early childhood partners (local, state, national) are intentional and focused, serving the work of developing a comprehensive early childhood system.
- Early childhood programs and services are increasingly well-coordinated, demonstrate effectiveness, and work together toward children's school readiness.
- The State Agencies Early Childhood Leadership Team is recognized as a state agency early childhood professional team.
 - It is recognized as a policy voice at the state level.
 - Its views are sought when recommendations are being considered at the state level.

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