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Early Childhood Webinar
April 10, 2020
Check-in question: What’s one word to describe how you’re doing this week?

Hang in there

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Today’s Agenda

• Continuous Learning, COVID-19, and Early Childhood
• KSDE Early Childhood Program Updates
  • Preschool-Aged At-Risk and Kansas Preschool Pilot
  • Early Childhood Special Education
  • Kansas Parents As Teachers
• Plans to Strengthen Early Childhood in Kansas
  • State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Updates
  • All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan
• Other KSDE Updates, Upcoming Professional Learning, and News You Can Use
Continuous Learning, COVID-19, and Early Childhood: How are we doing?
Reminder: Districts should include all preschool students (and children receiving services from Kansas Parents as Teachers) in their continuous learning plans.

Please refer to our “March 25, 2020“ update posted to the KSDE Early Childhood page for additional information.
Key resources:

- Continuous Learning Website: https://sites.google.com/ksde.org/kansascontinuouslearning2020/home
- Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund Website: https://kschildrenscabinet.org/
- KSDE Early Childhood Website: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Early-Childhood
KSDE “Office Hours”

• Elementary Redesign Conversations
  • Tuesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 3PM
  • You don’t have to be a Redesign school to join!
  • Email Tammy Mitchell (tmitchell@ksde.org) for the Zoom link
Please share in the chatbar:

• How is continuous learning going in your community?
• Any “ah-ha” that you’d like to share with your early childhood colleagues?
• What’s surprised you?
• What support could KSDE provide?
Access to Internet and Devices

• Continuous Learning Task Force Guidance, Technology Guidance, includes: *We encourage districts to reach out to local internet service providers to see what options are available for community members.*

• If you are working with private entities providing internet or devices to K-12 students and find barriers accessing those programs for early childhood students, please share that with the KSDE Early Childhood team.
Please share in the chatbar:

• Have you started thinking about the start of Kindergarten in August 2020?
• Do you have any creative strategies to connect with incoming students and their families?
Preschool-Aged At-Risk and Kansas Preschool Pilot
Preschool Grant Applications

• See our “March 25, 2020” update posted on our KSDE Early Childhood page: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Early-Childhood

• Grants deadline extended to April 17th

• Renewal option only for programs renewing last year’s Preschool-Aged At-Risk program
  • New programs must submit full application
  • Programs applying for Kansas Preschool Pilot must complete full Kansas Preschool Pilot AND Preschool-Aged At-Risk applications
  • KSDE will contact districts that renewed Preschool-Aged At-Risk program to provide program information (curriculum, assessments, funding sources, etc.) at a later date
Email is the best way to reach Natalie!

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Early Childhood Special Education Update
Indicator 6, 7 & 12

• Q & A’s listed regarding data reporting, Early Childhood Outcomes, and transitions listed on the KSDE website under:

Compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Kansas Special Education for Exceptional Children Act during the COVID-19 Pandemic

https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/ECSETS/Announcements/COVID-SpEd-legal-FAQ.pdf
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Kansas Parents as Teachers Update
Kansas Resources for Home Visitors

Supporting Families during COVID-19: Home Visiting Best Practices

• Available at https://kschildrenscabinet.org/ under “For Providers”

Guidance for Workers Who Go Into Homes

• Available at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/ under “Resources” for “Individuals & Families”
Parents as Teachers National Center Changes

Resources and Support for the Field

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Model Implementation Workspace

**COVID-19 Resources Tab**
- TA Briefs
- FAQs
- Link to webinars & associated materials
Rapid Response Team

Rapid Response webinar series

https://institutefsp.org/covid-19-rapid-response
Parents as Teachers National Center (PATNC) Proprietary Materials

• PATNC worked with the Heising Simons Foundation to make available to all home visiting models, regardless of PATNC affiliation or programming, the PATNC guidance for virtual and telecommunication visits.

• PATNC requests that PAT affiliates not share proprietary materials with non-affiliates if PATNC has not already made this information readily available. The only information PATNC is currently making available is the guidance for virtual visits.

• Please contact Nis Wilbur or Shelley Joy Tellez if you have questions.
Plans to Strengthen Early Childhood in Kansas
State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Update

• Next Meeting is April 17 via Zoom, from 1-4pm
• Presentations will include:
  • Leavenworth County Infant-Toddler Services
  • KSDE Special Education/Fiscal Updates from Dean Zajic
  • Various Agency/Member updates

• Please email Jordan Christian (jchristian@ksde.org) for the Zoom link
State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Update

• If you have questions regarding your Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) meeting dates and changes due to COVID-19, please feel free to contact me- Jordan Christian jchristian@ksde.org

• LICC boundaries will continue to change due to changes in tiny-k programs starting July 1, 2020. (This may affect you if your district is the lead agency.)
All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan

• Draft available online: kschildrenscabinet.org/strategic-plan/
  • April 14: Kansas State Board of Education
  • April 24: Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund

• Our work continues. We are collecting Kansans’ stories to inform future efforts.
  • Visit kschildrenscabinet.org/our-tomorrows/
  • Anonymous, brief description of an experience you want to share from:
    • Past week – could be COVID-19 related
    • A general time of family thriving or surviving
  • Survey questions about this experience - 5-15 minutes
  • Share as many stories as often as you’d like.
  • Option to share the story of another (client, family, etc.)
Get Engaged and Stay Up to Date

Visit kschildrenscabinet.org/early-childhood/

• **Webinars** (every other Wednesday at 12PM) share information, take questions, and get feedback.

• **Regular email updates** will keep you up to date and engaged.
2020 Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund meetings

• April 24, 2020
To register and join the meeting online, visit: https://kschildrenscabinet.org/cabinet-meetings-and-minutes/
• June 5, 2020
• August 7, 2020
• October 2, 2020
• December 4, 2020
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www.kansascounts.org

Make your Family Count on the 2020 Census
Learn more at:
www.2020Census.gov
Census resources for early childhood

- PreSchool - Early childhood lessons, videos & materials
  - https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources/pre-k.html

- PreSchool TakeHome Flyer
  - https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources/pre-k/preschool-take-home-flyer.html

- PreSchool Education Flyer
  - https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/2020census/2020-resources/pre-k/preschool-education-flyer.html

- Everyone Counts! Printable Storybook

- We Count! FREE hard cover story book
  - https://www.wecountkids.org/
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Several previously-scheduled events have been postponed:
- Kindergarten Readiness Summit (previously June 4, Topeka)
- PLAY Conference (previously June 6, Emporia)
- We are working on alternative ways to strengthen local partnerships and share best practices!
Grants to support volunteer initiatives that mobilize residents to address significant needs in their community as a result of the novel coronavirus. Grant awards will range between $500 to $1,000, and projects must take place prior to June 30, 2020. Examples of such initiatives may include:

- Organizing a food drop off program for vulnerable populations
- Updating policies and procedures to address new situations
- Organizing a toiletry drive to support residents
- Setting up a zoom account to support online volunteering efforts
- Securing background checks for new volunteers

For this grant, applicants will be reimbursed 50% (up to $1,000) of their costs related to supplies, technology and/or background checks needed to respond to COVID-19. Only those expenses incurred after the grant starts on April 24 will be eligible for reimbursement.

Grant materials are available at [www.kanserve.org](http://www.kanserve.org).

Application deadline is April 17, 2020.

Questions? Contact the Kansas Volunteer Commission at [mpearson@ksde.org](mailto:mpearson@ksde.org) or 785-296-5712.
Community Service Tax Credit

• **Purpose**: Create a unique or one-time in nature and create a lasting value for the charitable organizations

• **Application**: Request up to **$250,000** in tax credits (70% in rural areas; 50% in urban areas)

• **March 1 – May 31**: Online application is open.

• Visit [www.kansascommerce.gov/CSP](http://www.kansascommerce.gov/CSP) for more information

• Contact Dustin Gale: 785-296-4100; dustin.gale@ks.gov
Participant Share Out

• Do you have any bright spots, funding, or training opportunities you would like to share with your Kansas early childhood colleagues?
Questions?
Stay Connected

Join the Early Learning listserv (Email bstrohm@ksde.org)

Next Webinar: May 8, 2020 at 11AM
• Schedule is posted on the KSDE Early Childhood website: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Early-Childhood

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