

# September Update



## KSDE Early Childhood Program Updates

September 23, 2021

Sent by listserv to Early Learning 0-8 and posted on [the KSDE Early Childhood webpage](#)  
Email Beccy Strohm ([bstrohm@ksde.org](mailto:bstrohm@ksde.org)) to join the KSDE Early Learning 0-8 listserv.

We appreciate you and the work you are doing! Don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our team with questions or requests for support. We are here to help.

### Preschool Programs Updates

**ENRL Reminder:** The Kansas Individual Data on Students (KIDS) ENRL collection opened on September 20 and will close on October 8. Be sure to collaborate with staff responsible for submitting ENRL data to ensure they report preschool students. Pay special attention to field D10 (Current Grade Level) and field D57 (students served by Kansas Preschool Pilot grant funds). Three resources can support early childhood program administrators as you collaborate with district staff responsible for data entry:

- The FY22 Enrollment Handbook is now posted to the [Fiscal Auditing](#) webpage.
- The [KIDS 2021-2022 Collection System File Specifications](#) document is now available on the [KIDS website](#).
- The [KSDE Training Portal](#) provides "Early Childhood and KIDS System" process modules. Please note that the modules do not utilize the 2021-2022 specifications, though processes are unchanged.

**The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2022-2023 Kansas Preschool Pilot grant will soon be released.** Districts applying for funds will demonstrate that they are reinvesting other available sources of funding (state enrollment aid and accompanying weightings, special education funds, federal Head Start grants) into their preschool programs before requesting Kansas Preschool Pilot funding to supplement gaps. KSDE encourages districts to familiarize themselves with the Early Childhood Funding resources posted to the [Early Childhood](#) webpage. Our team is happy to support you in preparing to fill out the Kansas Preschool Revenue Calculator and Budget Template.

### Kansas Preschool Pilot 2022-2023 RFP Timeline

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| • Release RFP and Kansas CommonApp Portal Opens                     | November 1, 2021                        |
| • Kansas CommonApp portal webinar                                   | November 1, 2021                        |
| • Written questions from applicants due                             | December 15, 2021                       |
| • <b>Applications Due</b>   | <b>December 20, 2021 (by 5:00 p.m.)</b> |
| • Children's Cabinet considers funding Recommendations              | April 1, 2022                           |
| • Kansas State Board of Education considers funding recommendations | April 13-14, 2022                       |
| • Grantee Notification (pending legislative approval)               | Following April Board Meetings          |
| • Grant Year  | July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023            |

Contact Natalie McClane ([nmcclane@ksde.org](mailto:nmcclane@ksde.org)) with preschool questions.



## Early Childhood Special Education Updates

Don't forget that you can access recorded sessions **from the 2021 KSDE TASN Summer Leadership Conference** webpage throughout the year. It has ALL topics including the MIS Virtual training regarding data reporting and environment/setting codes, Indicators 6: Preschool Environments, Indicator 7: Early Childhood Outcomes, and Indicator 12: Transitions from C to B.

**Indicator 6 Preschool Environments:** As you are beginning your school year, keep inclusion on your mind. Many consider inclusion as blending the classrooms with children on IEPs and typically developing peers. While this statement is true, it is also about the learning opportunities for all children. This means that all young children with disabilities should have access to inclusive high-quality early childhood programs, where they are provided with individualized and appropriate support in meeting high expectations. **Indicator 6** measures **WHERE** the children receive the majority of their special education services. It is strongly recommended for districts to begin looking at the initial data for Indicator 6. You may do this by pulling your **Projected Dec 1 report** located within SPEDPro on the **KSDE Authenticated Web Application**. If you have any questions on interpreting this report, you may contact [jrand@ksde.org](mailto:jrand@ksde.org).

**Indicator 12: Transition from C to B:** Data Collection Window closes September 24, 2021. The data that is entered for Indicator 12 is within a module on the **KSDE Authenticated Web Application** page called Kansas Integrated Accountability System also known as (KIAS). Data is uploaded and entered by district staff.

Contact Julie Rand ([jrand@ksde.org](mailto:jrand@ksde.org)) with early childhood special education questions.

## Kansas Parents as Teachers Updates

There's still time to share thoughts, concerns, and praise for the Kansas Parents as Teachers draft proposal that was shared. Please email Nis before Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> if you'd like your voice to be heard in the final meeting before decisions are made. Any impending decision(s) will be shared during October with all Kansas Parents as Teachers programs.

Register now for the **2021 Virtual Kansas Home Visiting Conference**, which occurs September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. each day.

The Parents as Teachers International Conference is October 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. This year there are four options: in-person, virtual all access, virtual limited access, and single session virtual access. Registration occurs in the PAT Portal under the Conference tab.

The KSDE Office Hours for KPAT are from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Nis if you need a link.

Contact Nis Wilbur ([nwilbur@ksde.org](mailto:nwilbur@ksde.org)) with Kansas Parents as Teachers and Parents as Teachers implementation support questions.



## Key Dates and Information for the 2021 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot

All accredited schools are required to administer both the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3) and the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional, Second Edition (ASQ:SE-2) to kindergarten students by **September 20, 2021**. All data (including pending Family Access screenings) must be submitted in ASQ Online by **October 11, 2021**. We are working with many schools to help them accept pending Family Access screenings so that they can review the questionnaires families have completed. PreK-12 school staff with questions about this initiative can email Jordan Christian ([jchristian@ksde.org](mailto:jchristian@ksde.org)). Visit [agesandstages.com/ks](https://agesandstages.com/ks) for additional resources.

We have previously shared an exciting update regarding developmental screening in the state of Kansas. **Now, through the All In For Kansas Kids initiative, we can expand statewide access to ASQ Online to include organizations that are not public school districts or accredited private school systems.** The Statewide ASQ Online System will make it easier for organizations to improve coordination and reach more families through developmental screening. By participating in developmental screening, providers of all kinds can check children's development, address any potential concerns, and connect families to services and supports in their community. Benefits for programs that join Statewide ASQ Online System include:

- Virtual ASQ child questionnaires
- Covered subscription and per screening costs
- Easily organize and manage child screening data
- Reduced screening kit price
- Time and capacity savings
- System can be used with English and Spanish questionnaires
- Free training on screening tool and ASQ Online system
- Free Implementation Support
- Easily screen more children

**Any organization that provides developmental screenings or would like to start providing developmental screenings is welcome to join!**

To sign up or for more information, contact your local community Part C Account Administrator. You can locate yours by visiting <https://agesandstages.com/ks/>, then clicking Initiative Resources (at the bottom of the home page), select Downloads and Resources, ASQ Account Administrator Brochure.

**Free monthly Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ) trainings are available.** These trainings are designed to support the statewide expansion of the ASQ and are not specific to the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot.

- **ASQ-3™ trainings are Tuesday, September 28, 1-4pm; Tuesday, October 19, 5-8pm Tuesday, November 16, 1-4pm; and Tuesday, December 14, 9am-12pm.**
- **ASQ:SE-2™ trainings are Thursday, September 30 1-4pm; Thursday, October 21 5-8pm; Thursday, November 18 1-4pm; and Thursday, December 16 9am-12pm.**

If you have any other questions about the statewide expansion of the ASQ Online system, please reach out to Erica Figueroa ([erica.l.figueroa34@ku.edu](mailto:erica.l.figueroa34@ku.edu)).



## State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Updates

The next SICC meeting takes place Friday, October 15, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The topics for the meeting will include:

- Review the **All in for Kansas Kids Strategic Plan**
- ASQ Updates - Statewide Implementation
- Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment Committee Updates
- State Agency and Committee Updates

Contact Jordan Christian ([jchristian@ksde.org](mailto:jchristian@ksde.org)) with State Interagency Coordinating Council questions or to request the Zoom link to join upcoming meetings. You can also visit the **State ICC website** for more information.

## Other KSDE Updates, Upcoming Professional Learning and News You Can Use

**“Lunchtime Hot Topics” video updates will be posted on the first Wednesday of each month on the [KSDE Division of Learning Services](#) webpage.**

**Kansas Education Service Center consultants will be facilitating an Early Childhood Professional Learning Community (PLC) during the 2021-2022 school year, sponsored by the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center.** This will be a learning community of enhanced collaborative and individual support of young children, ages birth to preschool to kindergarten.

Participants will:

- Gain knowledge of KSDE Early Childhood program updates and other statewide initiatives
- Engage in curriculum development, content, and strategies to more effectively teach young children
- Collaborate and share resources
- Focused topics will include KSDE Early Childhood Program updates, ASQ-3 & ASQ: SE-2 students' data, grant applications, Parents as Teachers programs, networking and collaborating with fellow educators

This PLC is free to all participants. Questions can be directed to **Dr. Gayla Lohfink**. **Click [HERE](#) to register for the first Early Childhood PLC session** on Oct. 8 from 1:00-3:00pm and mark your calendar for the two remaining dates: Feb. 11 and April 8.

**Greenbush will be facilitating a Pre-K – K Teacher Cadre during the 2021-2022 school year.**

During these monthly virtual sessions, Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will have the opportunity to stay current with events and resources in Kansas, collaborate, network, and showcase early childhood programs. All sessions are free and will be held from 3:30-4:30pm. Dates are Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and April 13. Questions can be directed to **Barbara Gannaway**. **Click [HERE](#) to view the Pre-K – K Teacher Cadre flier and to register.**

**Southwest Plains Regional Service Center is hosting *Kindergarten Readiness, Star Recognition and KESA: Aligning & Leveraging Your System's Efforts* next Tuesday, Sept. 28 in Sublette.** Mischel Miller, Myron Melton, and Amanda Petersen will facilitate this in-person workshop. **Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this Kindergarten Readiness workshop and to register.**



**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will be expanding in Kansas. [Click HERE to learn more](#), and the recording of the Sept. 22 All In For Kansas Kids weekly webinar will be available [HERE](#).**

**The online application for 2023 Kansas Teacher of the Year is now open.** Celebrate the extraordinary educators in your district by nominating one elementary classroom teacher and one secondary classroom teacher for this prestigious award. All nominations must be submitted using the Kansas State Department of Education's (KSDE) online authenticated application program by Nov. 2, 2021. [Click HERE for the nomination packet.](#)

**The Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) is hosting a Family Engagement Professional Learning Network (PLN).** This PLN's mission is to provide a format for school personnel to participate in a learning community that supports the exchange of ideas for actively engaging families in their children's learning. For those who would like to participate in the Family Engagement PLN, please send your email address to Jane Groff at [jgroff@kpirc.org](mailto:jgroff@kpirc.org).

**Family Connect Modules are now available.** Greenbush's **Family Connect Modules** is a FREE series of five one-hour interactive modules connecting families to resources & services to promote the healthy development of children ages 0-5. Families can gain important parenting supports while making up to \$125. Stipends of \$25 are available at the end of EACH module.

- **Module 1: Families as Foundation**
- **Module 2: Families as Communicators**
- **Module 3: Families as Advocates**
- **Module 4: Families as Partners**
- **Module 5: Families as Community Members**

Questions can be directed to **Barbara Gannaway**, Greenbush Family/Community Engagement and Early Learning Consultant.

**The 2021 Virtual Kansas Home Visiting Conference** is Sept. 27-28.

**The Kansas Racial Equity Collaborative is hosting a 4-part series "Pursuing Racial Equity in Kansas Child Welfare: A Collaborative Effort."** Each webinar will be from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Email [ks.racial.equity@gmail.com](mailto:ks.racial.equity@gmail.com) with questions.

- **Register [HERE](#) for Sept. 29, Understanding the Historical Context of Structural Racism and Current Day Implications: How We Got Here and a Better Path Forward**
- **Register [HERE](#) for Oct. 27, Addressing Racial Inequities in Child Welfare: View from Early Childhood Education**
- **Register [HERE](#) for Jan. 26: Debunking Myths Around Racial Inequities in Child Welfare**
- **Register [HERE](#) for Feb. 23: Forward Movement: Shifting from Control of to Support for Black and Brown Families**

**Kansas MTSS & Alignment** is hosting five webinars featuring Lucy Hart Paulson, Ed.D., CCC-SLP. She is a speech-language pathologist and literacy specialist with years of experience working with children and their families. She is the lead author of *LETRS for Early Childhood Educators*, *Building Early Literacy and Language Skills*, and *Good Talking Words*. Sessions will be from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Sept. 10, Nov. 19, Jan. 14, March 11, and May 13. Registration will be available at [www.ksdetasn.org/events](http://www.ksdetasn.org/events). Contact **Lea Harding** with questions.



**Supporting Self-Care for Educators to Improve Student Outcomes is Sept. 28.** Building or District level leaders will use a systems perspective to examine the reasons their own self-care, as well as the social-emotional support of their staff, is important. Participants will analyze the impact mentally healthy staff and administration can have on school culture, teacher retention, and better outcomes for students. Participants will develop an implementation plan in order to apply learned strategies within their building/district. Participants are encouraged to attend in teams of 2 or more. [Visit the KSDE TASN webpage to learn more about prework and to register.](#)

**Kansas MTSS & Alignment** is hosting a series of **Behavior and Social-Emotional Learning (BSEL)** webinars featuring Dr. Jessica Hannigan, Assistant Professor in the Educational Leadership Department at California State University, Fresno:

- Sept. 28, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Tier 1 Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Jan. 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Alternatives to Suspension
- April 14, 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Student Engagement

[Register for all three BSEL webinars HERE.](#) Contact [Krystal Porter](#) with questions.

**The Kansas Children's Service League has free training topics scheduled.** These include Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter Training and Connections Matter in Early Childhood, a training designed to engage community members in building caring connections to improve resiliency, prevent childhood trauma, and understand how our interactions with others can support those who have experienced trauma. [Click here for a current schedule and to register.](#)

**The 2021 STEM Innovation for Inclusion in Early Education (STEMIE) Fest is Oct. 4-8.**

**The Kansas Deaf-Blind Project and the Kansas State School for the Blind present Music & Me, a free online program for children with visual impairments or with combined hearing and vision loss, ages birth to three.** Participants will be introduced to music therapy. We will use music to facilitate positive, fun activities that can be used in other settings with parents, siblings, and extended family, and encourage socialization, exploration, communication, motor development, and relaxation. Ms. Hillary Joy-Sims will be leading this group. She is a teacher of students with visual impairments, and a music therapist. [Register here for Music & Me on Friday, Oct. 8](#) from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and [register here for Music & Me on Friday, Nov. 12](#) during the same time.

**The Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Meeting and Professional Development Event is Oct. 8-9.**

**The Kansas Volunteer Commission is hosting the EVERYBODY KANSERVE: A CONFERENCE TO INSPIRE CHANGE virtually Oct. 12-14.** This virtual conference will provide you and your team with the training and resources you need to engage volunteers, mentors, and AmeriCorps service members. The registration fee is \$25 per day and registration fee scholarships are available (scholarship requests due Oct. 1). [Click here to register for the EVERYBODY KANSERVE conference.](#)

**The 2021 Kansas Breastfeeding Conference** will be held Oct. 14-15 and Oct. 28-29. This will include an Oct. 14 session about breastfeeding integration into the child care setting. Registration for this portion of the conference is free for those not needing continuing education.



**The Kansas Enrichment Network is calling for presentations for the 2021 Kansas Connect Conference on Nov. 9-10.** This two-day virtual conference brings together afterschool professionals from around the state to learn, network and celebrate out of school time. They are seeking engaging and thought-provoking sessions that provide new ideas and best practices to other afterschool educators and leaders in youth development. Do you have information or ideas to share with the Kansas out of school time community? Topics areas include programming, social emotional learning, staffing and leadership, DEI, and family and community engagement. **Please submit an application to present at the Kansas Connect Conference [HERE](#) by Sept. 30.**

**The Kansas Division for Early Childhood is calling for proposals and posters for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Division for Early Childhood Conference Feb. 23-25 in Wichita.** The deadline for submitting proposals and posters is Oct. 1. **[Click HERE for the session proposal form](#) and [click HERE for the student poster proposal form.](#)**

**Greenbush is hosting Teach.Play.Learn! with Adam Peterson Nov. 11 (Lawrence) and 12 (Girard).** Adam will have you laughing, moving, playing, and learning as you explore ways to make your learning standards more fun than ever before. With simple tweaks and classroom hacks to board games, card games, and more, you can have your students of any age learning through play. Adam Peterson is an award-winning educator from Illinois and a nationally recognized speaker. After spending more than a decade as a kindergarten teacher, Adam uses his knowledge and talents to inspire, educate, and motivate other teachers to create classrooms that encourage creativity, play, and hands-on learning. Each workshop is from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and open to all PreK to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers, admins, and support staff. This event is free for SIS and Early Learning Services members and \$150 for Nonmembers. Contact Barbara Gannaway with questions at **[Barbara.gannaway@greenbush.org](mailto:Barbara.gannaway@greenbush.org)** or 785-862-7840. **[Click HERE to register for Teach.Play.Learn!](#)**

**The Great Ideas in Education Conference (formerly KSDE Annual Conference): Unfinished Learning will be held virtually Nov. 15-18, 2021.** This year's conference will focus on providing innovative ideas for addressing students' unfinished learning created by the pandemic in addition to furthering the goals of the State Board of Education. **[Click here to register for the Great Ideas in Education Conference.](#)**

**Stay up to date on the Kansas early childhood system:** The team supporting the *All in for Kansas Kids* strategic plan shares weekly email updates and hosts webinars every other week Wednesday at noon. Visit the **[Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website](#)** to sign up.



## Call for volunteers – Standard-setting study for the Praxis® Special Education Early Childhood/Early Intervention test

KSDE is seeking volunteers to represent our state and participate as a panelist in the multistate standard-setting study for the redesigned **Praxis® Special Education Early Childhood/Early Intervention** test.

In order to establish a passing score (or cut score), ETS has designed a multistate standard-setting study that includes gathering professional judgments from a variety of educators. The purpose of this multistate standard-setting study is to recommend an appropriate passing score for states that elect to use this assessment as a licensure requirement.

Two multistate panels will be formed for the **Praxis® Special Education Early Childhood/Early Intervention** standard-setting workshop, which will be held **online using Zoom**. The panels have been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, **November 11 – 12, 2021**. They will begin at **9:00 AM Central** and end at **6:00 PM Central** each day. **Educators must be available to fully participate on each day of the study for the entire time scheduled.**

Please indicate your willingness to participate by completing [this short nomination survey](#). The deadline to volunteer is **Friday, September 24, 2021**. ETS will issue a Professional Development Certificate for each participating panelist, as well as provide an honorarium. If selected from among those nominated, ETS will send you an invitation letter (from [MPreston@ets.org](mailto:MPreston@ets.org) or from [SSCarmichael@ets.org](mailto:SSCarmichael@ets.org)) with further details.

- Please do not volunteer if you are planning to take the **Praxis Special Education Early Childhood/Early Intervention** test during, or after, the 2022-2023 testing year.
- Participation will require a webcam, all-day access to an internet-connected computer, speakers and a microphone (or ability to call into the meeting), and a computer with a large screen so that you can look at multiple documents or applications at one time.

Take good care, enjoy the beginning of autumn in Kansas, and don't hesitate to reach out as we can be helpful.

**Amanda, Nis, Natalie, Jordan, Julie and Beccy**



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