



Annual Report for the Kansas
Coordinating Council on Early
Childhood Developmental
Services, or State Interagency
Coordinating Council (SICC)

2022-23

Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services

ANNUAL REPORT: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The mission of the Kansas Coordinating Council on Early Childhood Developmental Services is to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas to all children with or at risk for developmental delays from birth through age 5 and their families.

INTRODUCTION

The Kansas Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) is based in both federal law and state statute. This council is responsible for advising and assisting the Kansas governor, legislature, and state agencies on matters that impact Kansas families with children, ages birth to 5, who have, or are at risk for, developmental delays and to ensure that a comprehensive service delivery system of integrated services is available in Kansas for these children. The majority of the Council members are appointed by the governor (e.g., parents, providers, public members) The remainder of the council members are appointed by state agency heads:

- Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
- Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- Kansas Department for Aging and Disabilities Services (KDADS)
- Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR)
- Kansas Insurance Commissioner

Along with two Kansas legislators selected by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Council activities are guided by statute, by-laws and the mission statement and are largely driven by the Annual Strategic Planning meeting and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA-Attachment #1) with state agency partners.

ANNUAL PRIORITIES AND GOALS

During Fiscal Year 2023, the council focused on community services and functions of the SICC. Topics have included:

- Services to children and families by local Part C programs.
- Implementation of Ages & Stages Questionnaires® partnerships for screening in communities.
- Inclusion in Least Restrictive Environments for children ages 3-5.
- Supports for Local ICCs (LICC).
- SICC State Agency Memorandum of Agreement.

KANSAS ICC ROSTER 2022-2023

Name	Position on Council	Email	Term expires
David Lindeman (Chair)	KBOR representative	lindeman@ku.edu	N/A
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Vacant	Parent member		
Vacant	Public member		
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Kimber Corn	Head Start/Early Head Start	kcorn@eckan.org	7/31/2023
Lesli Girard	Ex officio member	Lesli@families-together-inc.org	N/A
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Amy Meek	Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund		
Laura Leistra	Medicaid Office	Laura.D.Leistra@ks.gov	N/A
Gary Henault	KDADS Representative	Gary.henault@ks.gov	N/A
Vacant	Parent member		
Vacant	Legislators x2		
Stacy Clarke	Staff to the SICC	sclarke@ksde.org	N/A

COMMITTEES AND ANNUAL GOALS

Following discussion by council members and guests, the committees/work groups were identified for FY 2023, and the chair for each committee were identified (listed below). The chair of the SICC encouraged Council members to identify a committee they have a preference to serve. Committee chairs were selected during the Annual Planning Session and affirmed by the council (June 2022).

Committee Leadership for 2022-2023:

Committee	Chair
Executive Committee	David Lindeman
State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Committee	Tricia Waggoner
Early Childhood Workforce and Funding Committee	Lisa Collette
Social-Emotional Committee	Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena
Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (ECLRE) Committee	David Lindeman
LICC Support Committee	Susan Bowles

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Ensure that the work of the Council, including committees, aligns and complements the “All in for Kansas” Strategic Plan.
- Establish process for LICC to access funding for local activities.
- Set agendas for council meetings
- Approve/add updates to the SICC website.
- Act on behalf of Council should action be time limited/prior to next SICC meeting.

SPP/APR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Review and approve Part C annual report.
- Recommend to SICC approval of report at the January meeting.
- Recommend to SICC authorization for Council chair to sign report for submission to Office of Special Education programs, U.S. Department of Education.

EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE AND FUNDING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Needs Assessment Discussion-potential topics/categories to explore for survey.
- Send survey to Tiny-k coordinators in September.
- Set attainable goals involving Strategic Plan suggestions.
- Discussions around insurance (approaching the Insurance Commission regarding claims and distributing funds each year to programs).
- Examine Part C funding formula again (Review 2019 Needs Assessment recommendation, as well).
- Examine recommendation that Medicaid funding remain for teleintervention.

ECLRE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Identify participants for 2nd cohort of childcare providers.
- Send survey to participants for 2nd cohort of childcare providers.
- Compile survey feedback/data analysis for 2nd cohort of childcare providers.
- Conduct focus groups for 2nd cohort of childcare providers.
- Compile information from focus groups for 2nd cohort of childcare providers
- Report results/information to the full Council.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- Build membership for this committee
- Compile social-emotional data/community assessments.
- Brainstorm ideas for SICC website for social emotional development/mental health
- Find resources for social emotional development for the community and parents.
- Raise awareness on how technology impacts social emotional development

LOCAL ICC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

- Obtain and contact speakers for the LICC Retreat
- Obtain CEU information for LICC Retreat.
- Send out registration for LICC Retreat.
- Conduct retreats.
- Send post-retreat survey.
- Review evaluations of LICC Retreat and begin planning for next retreat
- Review LICC funding requests

KANSAS ICC MEETINGS AND ACTIONS

All SICC meetings follow an agenda sent to members in advance. Standing agenda items include introductions, approval of previous minutes, approval of agenda, public forum, old business, committee reports, agency reports, staff report and report from chair. Meeting took place in person quarterly and virtually because of COVID-19.

Orientation for new members was provided. Additionally, information was shared with all members on the role of the Council during the February meeting. Meeting agendas, minutes, reports and handouts are posted on the website at https://www.kansasicc.org/meeting_dateslocations.html

Beginning in August 2018, the SICC set in place the standard practice of hearing reports from a local service program and a state-level program or project (Attachment # 3). The intent of this practice was to engage both local and state partners, as well as educate the SICC members regarding supports, services, and programs in the state. By providing this information, the work of the SICC will be facilitated, and members of the Council will have additional information regarding services that can be referenced to the mission of ensuring a comprehensive system of integrated services.



Aug. 19, 2022 (Zoom) - The Council's Annual Report and agenda were approved. Members of the SICC decided which committees they would work with for the duration of the current fiscal year. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Sept. 16, 2022 (Zoom) – Amanda Petersen Director for Early Childhood at KSDE, provided information on Aggregate Statewide ASQ Data. Melissa Rooker Executive Director for the Kansas Children's Cabinet provided and update on the Preschool Development Grant . Committee and agency reports were provided.

Oct. 21, 2022 (Zoom) – Liz Stone, from Southeast Kansas Birth to 3 Infant Toddler Services, provided an overview of the program. Erica Figuero, University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (KU CPPR) shared with the Council an update about the Help Me Grow Model . Committee and agency reports were provided.

Nov. 18, 2022 (In Person- Topeka, KS) – Maureen Hernandez , from Leavenworth County Infant Toddler Services, provided an overview of the program. Dr. Jerrie Brooks, from Fort Hays University provided information on their Early Childhood Unified Teacher Training Program. Committee and agency reports were provided.

Dec. 18, 2022 (Zoom) – Stephanie Willis, from Russell Child Development Center, Finney County provided an overview of the program. Heather Staab, from KDHE provided information on Child Abuse Protection and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Committee and agency reports were provided. Kristy Cotton announced that she would be leaving her position as the KSDE staff person.

Jan 20, 2023 (Zoom) – Lor Soo Hoo from Marion County Infant Toddler Services presented on the program and the successes they have experienced through community partnerships. Ali Rary, Assistant Clinical Professor from Wichita State University presented information about the program to support paraprofessionals completion of the teacher certification program.

Feb. 17, 2023 (Zoom) – Cathy Redelberger, Leavenworth Director of Special Education, presented about their program's improvement in KSDE SPP/APR Indicator 6 and the new coordination among early childhood. Amanda Peterson, Director of Early Childhood with KSDE, shared the latest ASQ measures for Kansas. Since the Kansas initiative was implemented in 2015 the number of children screened for developmental delays and received services has significantly increased. The new staff KSDE staff person, Stacy Novak, was introduced.

March 24, 2023 (Zoom) – Stacy Novak (Clarke), the SICC staff person administered a survey to get feedback on the SICC's support of LICCs. Jennifer Slagle, KDCF, presented on Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and Children's Justice Act (CJA). Tricia Waggoner discussed a DRAFT copy of the Kansas Part C grant and the council voted and approved the proposed General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) statement.

April 21, 2023 (Zoom) – McKinley Phillips from Sunflower ICC presented on their Sunflower Developmental Fair. Clarification was provided on Senate Bill 24 in relation to Autism and Part C. Jennifer

Francois, Kansas Institute for Early Childhood & KCCTO presented on the Kansas Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) activities, the infant toddler special education support for child care, and the Zero to Three IECMH Finance Cohort work on improving Medicaid funding.

May 19, 2023 (Zoom) – Kayzy Bigler, KDHE presented about Help Me Grow Kansas and gave a brief update on the Bridges program. KSDE McKinney-Vento staff members were in attendance.

June 15, 2023 (In person and virtual) - The council had its annual strategic planning session. Monica Murnan and staff from The Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush, facilitated conversations focused on the role of the SICC and identified potential goals for the next year.

STAFF REPORT

Staff person to the SICC provided training and completed virtual visits to 19 different LICCs across the state, with some of them being visited multiple times (MOA Pg. 4, E, Attachment 1).

Staff also presented updates, provided technical support, and gave updates on the state agencies' work to LICCs. A grant application form was developed for LICCs to request funding for local activities. Presentations were given on a variety of topics that focused on the needs of each LICC and their community outreach initiatives. Staff also worked with three local programs, and their LICCs, where local lead agency changes were initiated.

SICC staff completed 31 total technical assistance and support visits to LICCs around the state by attending virtually, including:

- REACH ICC, Pony Express LICC, SE KS Regional LICC, Riley County LICC, Franklin County LICC, North Country Connection LICC, RCDC ICC (CFN), Leavenworth County LICC, Central Kansas ICC, Wyandotte County LICC, Butler County ICC, Douglas County ICC, Flint Hills ICC, Harvey County ICC, Johnson County ICC, McKids ICC, Sedgwick County ICC, Sumner County LICC, and Marion County ICC.

Staff spoke on a variety of subjects that focused on the unique needs of each LICC. Examples included:

- The role of the LICC in relation to the local lead agency for Part C
- The steps and process to take in selecting a new local lead agency
- Updates from Topeka/the Legislature

An orientation PowerPoint (Attachment #5) was used for new SICC/LICC members. Meeting minutes, agendas, logistics and locations were also arranged by the staff (MOA Pg. 4, D, Attachment 1). The annual report was also prepared by the staff person and reviewed by the full council before being submitted prior to Aug. 30, 2023 (MOA Pg. 4, F, Attachment #1).

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

Council activities are primarily directed by the Annual Strategic Plan and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the state agencies. A portion of our activity takes place at the committee level. A list of council accomplishments for FY 23 includes:

- Provided a support letter for the Kansas State Personnel Development Grant titled Mental Health – Professional Development Project (Attachment #5)
- Provided a support letter for the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project (Attachment #8)
- Sponsored the Kansas Division of Early Childhood Conference
- SICC chair and staff person held a question-and-answer session about the SICC at the Kansas Division of Early Childhood Conference
- SICC introduced new staff member Stacy Novak-Clarke.
- KDHE Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Review and Approval.
- Reviewed and approved the proposed KDHE GEPA (General Education Provisions Act) statement.
- Met with the Governor's Appointments Office focusing on meeting the requirements of IDEA regarding SICC membership.
- Additions/changes to the council membership were discussed.
 - Resignations:
 - Tayler Cantrell, parent member
 - Kimber Corn, Head Start representative.
 - Changes:
 - Christie Wycoff replaced Amy Meek, Governor's Representative/KS Childrens Cabinet and Trust Fund representative.

APPENDIX

- Attachment 1: SICC MOA/Contract between KDHE, KSDE, and DCF.
- Attachment 2: SICC By-Laws
- Attachment 3: 2022-2023 Meeting Presentation Matrix
- Attachment 4: ICC Composition Matrix
- Attachment 5: Letter for the Kansas State Personnel Development Grant titled Mental Health – Professional Development Project
- Attachment 6: Member orientation Presentation
- Attachment 7: Committee membership

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