

Best Practices in Early Childhood: What Administrators Need to Know
KSDE TASN Summer Leadership Conference – July 26, 2023

Participants will know how the Kansas State Department of Education can support you in effectively leading early childhood programs, and participants will be able to find resources (or ask for help finding resources) related to:

- *Early childhood in your community*
- *Preschool programming and funding*
- *The Kansas early childhood policy landscape*

What roles do I play as an early childhood leader?

Handy Resources

www.ksde.org/Early_Childhood

www.ksdetasn.org/ec

agesandstages.com/ks

www.kansasicc.org/licc-contact

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Getting Ready for 2023-2024

- ☐ Subscribe to KSDEweekly (email ksdeweekly@ksde.org to sign up) and *All In For Kansas Kids* weekly emails (kschildrenscabinet.org/#signup)
- ☐ Review the [Kindergarten Readiness Star Recognition Rubric](#) to decide if it's a good tool for assessing local needs and setting goals.
- ☐ [1-800-CHILDREN](#): Download the 1800ChildrenKS app, contact Michelle Reichart (mreichart@kcsd.org) for promotional materials, and make sure program services are up to date in the resource directory (see the YouTube video "[How to use KCSL's 1-800-CHILDREN](#)")
- ☐ 2023-2024 local interagency coordinating council meetings are on my calendar (contact kansasicc@ksde.org for help connecting with your local council).
- ☐ Visit agesandstages.com/ks and check with Part C – what does ASQ look like in our community?
- ☐ [Order Kindergarten in Kansas booklets](#) from the Kansas Parent Information Resource Center.
- ☐ Look up your Indicator 6 data in the [KSDE SPEDPro authenticated application](#) (Final Indicator 6 report for 2022-23). Plan to look at the Projected Indicator 6 report for 2023-24 as soon as students are enrolled.
- ☐ Review the [KSDE Early Childhood Special Education Part B Contact List for Indicators 6, 7 & 12](#). Email updates to Beccy Strohm (bstrohm@ksde.org).
- ☐ **Ensure new early childhood special education staff** have access to the **Outcomes Web System (OWS)**: Email Beccy Strohm (bstrohm@ksde.org)
- ☐ Review the [2023-2024 Preschool-Aged At-Risk Program Requirements and Assurances](#)
- ☐ Review the [FY2024 Special Education Reimbursement Guide's](#) "Early Childhood" section.