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Section I: Overview of the CJA State Task Force

Background of CJA Task Force

The Kansas Citizen Review Panel – Intake to Petition (ITP) constitutes one of three Citizen Review Panels (CRPs) within the State of Kansas. This panel also functions as the state's Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force, in accordance with the stipulations outlined in Section 107(c) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). Comprising a diverse assembly of private and public agencies, law enforcement representatives, attorneys, judges, social workers, consumers, and citizens, the panel is steadfastly dedicated to the safeguarding of children in Kansas.

Furthermore, in its capacity as the Children's Justice Act Task Force for the state of Kansas, mandated by Federal Section 107(a) of CAPTA, the CJA Task Force plays a pivotal role in enabling the state agency to secure funding from the Department of Justice – Office of Victims of Crime. This Task Force is responsible for overseeing grant funds directed toward enhancing the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases involving child abuse and neglect.

Aligned with CAPTA requirements, the Task Force's activities revolve around soliciting citizen input, establishing a network of community-engaged partners statewide, and formulating recommendations aimed at refining the state child protective services system. These efforts span from the initial intake of a child into care to the subsequent filing of a petition.

CJA Task Force Function and Membership

The Task Force convenes bi-monthly and features an annual Joint Retreat with the Custody to Transition Citizen Review Panel. This collaborative gathering serves as a significant occasion for shared expertise and perspectives, emphasizing a collective approach to achieving common goals. When smaller workgroups are deemed necessary for task execution, subcommittees are employed to address specific tasks identified by the Task Force.

The State demonstrates adherence to the Children's Justice Act (CJA) Task Force membership prerequisites. Moreover, advisory members contribute valuable perspectives, including representatives from key executive branch agencies crucial for system-wide enhancement. Task Force membership consistently maintains a high level of attendance and active participation, notably marked by the recent inclusion of a Civil Court Judge to the CJA Task Force.

The panel consistently convened through virtual platforms throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This approach has proven instrumental in sustaining heightened membership attendance. The panel has expressed a collective interest in maintaining virtual meetings for most of its sessions, recognizing the operational efficiencies achieved through remote collaboration. Furthermore, a hybrid format has been initiated, blending virtual and in-person meetings, with plans to progressively augment the frequency of in-person sessions in the ensuing years.

A 2024 CJA Task Force roster is supplied on the next page.

Task Force Membership Designation	Name	Title	Organization	Relevant Background/Experience
Law Enforcement	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	** please see bios in appendix A
Criminal Court Judge, Chairperson	Doug Jones	District Magistrate Judge	5th Judicial District	
Civil Court Judge	Amy Coppola	District Magistrate Judge	8th Judicial District	
Prosecuting Attorney	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Defense Attorney	Miranda Johnson	Attorney	Caffey, Johnson & Ingels, P.A. Manhattan	
Attorney for Children	Brynn Blair	Managing Attorney	Kansas Legal Services	
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)*	Kristin Hines	State Trainer	Kansas CASA	
Health Professional	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Health Professional	Emily Killough	Child Abuse Pediatrician	Children's Mercy Hospital	
Mental Health Professional	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Child Protective Services	Docia Small	CAPTA/CJA Program Manager	DCF	
Child Protective Services	Jennifer Slagle	CAPTA/CJA Public Service Administrator	DCF	
Individual Experienced in Working with Children with Disabilities	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Parent/ Representative of Parent Group	Pamela Robbins	Executive Director	KFAPA	
Adult Former Victim of Child Abuse and Neglect**	Amber Jewell	School-based Social Worker	USD 245	
Individual Experienced in Working with Homeless Children and Youth	Tate Toedman	State Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth	Kansas Department of Education	
Optional Categories				
Office of Judicial Administration	Lana Goetz	Court Program Specialist	OJA	
Child Welfare Advocate	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Division of the Child Advocate	Kerrie Lonard	Kansas Child Advocate	Division of the Child Advocate	
Family Preservation	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Education Advocate	Kelly Stanford	Chief Program Officer	Communities in Schools	
Other State Agencies	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Tribal Representative	Recruiting	n/a	n/a	
Child Welfare Contractor	Shelby Ponder	Director of Reintegration	Saint Francis Ministries	
Substance Abuse Counselor	Jennifer Gassmann	DEC/Parent Child Assistance Program Supervisor	Kansas Children's Service League	
Advisory Member	Christine Lucero	Program Specialist	ACF, Region VII	
Advisory Member	Sara Hortenstine	Executive Director	Kansas Child Death Review Board	
Foster Parent	Jenny Broyles	--	--	
CRP Coordinator	LynTia Gwess	CRP Coordinator	Mainstream Nonprofit Solutions	
CRP Support	Kara-Kae James	Marketing Director	Mainstream Nonprofit Solutions	

Section II: System Improvements Resulting from the Previous 3-Year Assessment

Through collaborative efforts, the Task Force meticulously curated a list of these identified service gaps in August 2021. Subsequently, members of the Task Force, drawing from their diverse expertise and experiences, played a pivotal role in narrowing down this list into priority areas. This selection process specifically referenced observable gaps in services within their respective fields in each of the three categories in Section 107 (e)(1) (A), (B), and (C). These strategic discussions culminated in a consensus on priority areas, reflecting a collective understanding of critical service deficiencies within the child welfare system. These identified service gaps ultimately informed the review team in the selection priorities during the 2021 Request for Proposal (RFP) of CJA funding. Awards were granted to four different organizations whose programs included design elements aligned with the (3) three categories of CJA. Funding was available to the grantees from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, with renewable agreements awarded in fiscal year 2023 and 2024, with all grants ending June 30, 2024.

The Children's Bureau submitted and approved the following objectives in May 2021; each of the awarded organizations, as subgrantees of CJA funds, complies with one of the following categories and objectives established by the CJA Task Force. Each objective includes an annual summary of each grantee's scope of work and outcomes related to their activities.

CJA Category Objective (A)

Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.

2021 Objective 1 (aligning with CJA Category A)

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders, including;

- Prosecution; guardian ad litem trainings
- Law enforcement trainings, training creation, and training delivery
- Anti-human trafficking, mandated reporting, death scene investigations
- Train the Trainer models

Since 2021, Kansas CJA subgrantee Child Advocacy Center has made progress related to this recommendation. **Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas, Inc. (CACKS)** is a statewide membership association representing the 16 child advocacy centers in the State of Kansas. The mission of the association is to promote excellence in child abuse response and prevention through training, program development, advocacy, and leadership.

Child Advocacy Center of Kansas (CACKS) – Annual Grantee Activities/Outcomes

Annual Summary	Activities/Outcomes
SFY 2022 Summary	

CACKS, Children's Mercy Hospital, & Kansas University Medical joined together for Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO), training series for child maltreatment. Project ECHO is community collaboration network for improvement outcomes in Kansas by increasing the public's ability to treat and manage complex health care challenges in their own communities. ECHO utilizes technology to share knowledge across disciplines by leveraging a free web-based platform. ECHO offers access to many while creating learning collaboratives.
 	
CACKS promotes classes to health care professionals to receive Continued Medical Education Credits for attending series. Provided scholarships to professionals to attend International Symposiums of Child Abuse & Neglect virtual conference & virtual Crime Rights Preconference.
 	
Case Reviews are conducted to meet national accreditation standards for SANE medical providers within MDT teams led by CACs. 100% of all cases with an abnormal finding must be reviewed in case review by an expert child abuse pediatrician and may occur via direct linkage agreements. Dr. Tera Fraizer and Dr. Keri Weeks would lead these calls and case reviews.
	• Held 6 trainings during the year including:
	  ○ Center of Disease (CDC) Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD),
	  ○ Photo Documentation,
	  ○ Court Testimony,
	  ○ Evidence Collection,
	  ○ Self-Care,
	  ○ Human Trafficking.
	• Total of 112 participants attended 6 trainings.
	• Reviewed 15 cases.
	• Sent 55 Child Advocacy Center (CAC)/ Multidisciplinary Team (MTD) professionals to outside Child abuse & neglect training:
	  ○ 10 to the Dallas Crime Conference
	  ○ 12 to the International Symposium Child Abuse/Neglect
	  ○ 33 to the virtual Crime Rights Preconference.

SFY 2023 Summary	

Continuing training and collaboration between CACKS, Children's Mercy Hospital, & Kansas University Medical regarding ECHO series.
 	
CACKS partnered with Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), to host Crime Victims' Rights preconference.
 	
ECHO series were dismantled due to loss of certified medical education credits & dwindling participation/attendees.
 	
Didactic Training provided covers examination positions (supine, lateral, knee-chest) examination techniques (gathering of forensic evidence) Anatomical variants, accidental trauma and sexual abuse trauma.
	• Held 7 trainings during year including:
	  ○ Best Practices-MTD,
	  ○ Medical Roles,
	  ○ Forensic Interview Process,
	  ○ Best Practice in Documentation of Medical Evaluation Child Sexual Assault,
	  ○ Ethical Dilemmas/Best Practice with teens consent vs assent,
	  ○ Victim & Family Resources
	  ○ Didactic Trainings
	• Total of 83 participants attended 7 trainings.
	• Reviewed 5 cases.
	• Sent 36 CAC/MTD professionals to outside Child abuse & neglect trainings:
	  ○ 4 to the Governor's Conference
	  ○ 8 to the International Symposiums Child Abuse & Neglect
	  ○ 24 to the Crimes & Victims' Rights Conference.

SFY 2024 Summary (until April 2024)	
Continued training and collaboration between CACKS and KCSDV on April 9, 2024**,** for Crime Victim Rights preconference. Topics to include wellness around workplace secondary trauma. Promoted use of medical toolkit – Pediatric/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (PEDS SANE), training to participants. Collaboration/networking efforts continue between other recipients of DCF CJA grant	• Supplied investigative tools/ promote use of medical toolkit - PEDS SANE training to 8 participants. • 8 full participants for the March 25-29, 2024 course. • 7 Scholarships given to attend International Symposium on March 18-21, 2024. 16 applied for attendance but could only send 7 due to budget constraints.

CJA Category Objective (B)

Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure procedural fairness to the accused.

2021 Objective 2: (aligning to CJA Objective B)

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders focusing on improving the quality of the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases.

Since 2021, Kansas CJA subgrantee Kansas ChildFirst has made progress related to this recommendation. **Kansas Child First, Inc**. is focused on healing the trauma of abuse to children and adults through prevention, support, and services. With funding from the CJA grant, Kansas Child First, Inc. sponsors the Kansas Child First Program, which is an intensive five-day course that teaches professionals proper interview techniques when conducting an investigative interview of a potential child abuse victim. It is held in conjunction with the National Child Protection Training Center.

Kansas ChildFirst (KCF) – Annual Grantee Activities relating to CJA Categories

Annual Summary	Activities/Outcomes
SFY 2022 Summary	

In September 2022, a Basic Forensic Interviewing course was provided at West Wichita State University (WSU) Campus in Wichita, KS. Another Basic Forensic Interviewing course was held in March at the Safe Child Center in Scott City, KS. The Advance Forensic Interviewing course was provided in June for graduates in Wichita KS.
 	
Diverse trainee group included: Law Enforcement (LEO), Kansas Bureau of Investigations (KBI), Prosecutors, Judges, Therapist, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) Nurses, Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF) Child Protective Specialist, Children Advocacy Center staff (CAC), and Senior Observers, that either have taken the course before or supervise others that are in the field and attending the class.
	• Held 3 trainings during the year including:
	  ○ Five Day Basic Interviewing Class in Wichita, KS
	  ○ Five Day Basic Interviewing Course in Scott City, KS.
	  ○ Advance Class Interviewing People with Disabilities facilitated by the *Model Agency* Founder, Scott Model in Wichita, KS.
	• Trainings reached students across 23 Kansas counties.
	• Total of 190 students participated in yearly trainings.
	• 9 training scholarships awarded.
	• 7 Senior observers for forensic interviewing supplied, 1 Senior observer from Exploited Missing Children's Unit (EMCU).

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SFY 2023 Summary	
Continued training and programs pertaining to forensic interviewing. Basic Interviewing courses were held during the year, September in Wichita and March in Lawrence, KS. The Advance course was held in June in Wichita and the topic was "Bringing Evidence into the Forensic Interview" An emerging issue in the field. In addition, Update & Peer Review classes were held in Pittsburg, Wichita, Newton, and Salina. Updates were needed to train in the changes of the National ChildFirst Protocol. Peer Review is an important part of continued education and training for Forensic Interviewers. The process is to have individual interview presented and critiqued by experienced Interviewer and trainers, along with their peers. Diverse trainee group included the addition of: International Missionary group, Tribal Nation- Kansas Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, District Attorney (DA), Attorney General's Office, & International agency.	• Held 8 trainings during the year including: o (2) Five-day Basic Forensic Interviewing Courses o Advance Class of "Presenting Evidence in Child Forensic Interviewing" o (5) One-day Update & Peer Review Classes • Trainings reached students across 41 different agencies. • Total of 188 participants attended 8 trainings. • 4 scholarships for training provided. • 3 Senior observers forensic interviewing provided. • 84 students passed comprehensive test and received certificates of completion for Basic Forensic Interviewing class.
SFY 2024 Summary (until April 2024)	
Continued training and programs pertaining to forensic interviewing. The Basic Interviewing courses that will be held during this year will occur in March in Scott City, KS, & in September in Andover, KS. The Advance course will be held in June in Wichita, KS, and the focus is on "Preparing Child Abuse Cases for Court" with Victor Vieth, National Child Protection Training Center, the developer of the National ChildFirst Program that is in 20 states and 2 other countries. It is expected to have 60-80 students in the class, with an emphasis on Prosecutors attending. Diverse trainee group included addition of: International Safety Interviewers from across the world. Collaboration/networking efforts between other recipients of DCF CJA grant.	• Held 5 trainings during the year including: o (2) Five-day Basic Forensic Interviewing Courses o (2) One-day Update & Peer Review classes o 1 Advance Forensic Interviewing Courses • Total of 89 graduated from the 2 Basic Forensic Interviewing Courses • 20 graduates from Child Update & Peer Review class o 10 from Liberal o 10 from Hays • 7 Senior observers also attended. • 12 registrations scholarships were given to ten different counties.

2021 Objective 3: (aligning to CJA category B)

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders at the front end of the child welfare system to increase their knowledge and understanding of the effects of trauma on child victims of violence, the impact of coexisting and connected trauma experiences, and the importance of including caregivers in the healing process.

Since 2021, the Kansas CJA subgrantee Kansas Children's Service League has made progress related to this recommendation. **Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL)** is a statewide not-for-profit agency that has worked for over 131 years to prevent child abuse, increase school readiness, improve family support, and build education services. Annually, KCSL, along with other organizations, provides the largest statewide conference in Kansas that focuses on education, networking, recognition, and addressing key issues regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) – Annual Grantee Activities relating to CJA Categories

Annual Summary	Activities/Outcomes
SFY 2022 Summary	
The 45th Annual Governor's Conference was held virtually between October 27-28 and November 3-5, 2022. Utilized modern technology to reach participants. Held virtually through Zoom, as 52% of participants requested a virtual option through the survey. The agenda for the conference is in Appendix B.	532 participants attended, including speakers • (4) six-hour sessions held Oct. 27-28, 2021 • (28) one-hour workshops and three keynote presentations held between November 3-5, 2021 Excerpts from the evaluation results for the conference: • 90% of Keynote Session participants agreed or strongly agreed that the presentation provided information that will be helpful in their profession. • 97% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the conference provided information about exemplary models of prevention and intervention services for children & families. • 75% of participants agreed or strongly agreed the conference provided opportunities to network with others interested in the welfare of children. • 97% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that overall information from the conference provides them with a better understanding of the issues surrounding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. • 90% of participants agreed or strongly agreed the conference provides certifiable training opportunities for individuals who work professionally providing services for the benefit of children & families.
SFY 2023 Summary	
The 46th Annual Governor's Conference was held virtually between Oct. 11-20, 2022. Utilized the virtual Whova app for event management software for forums to reach participants through interactive engagement, shared presentations & discussion boards. The agenda for the conference is in Appendix B.	580 participants attended, including speakers. • (4) institute sessions 6 hours on October 11-12, 2022 • (46) workshops 1.5 hours on October 18-20, 2022 Excerpts from the evaluation results for the conference: • 90% of Keynote Session participants found presentations were immensely beneficial for their professional growth. • 90% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the conference provided information about exemplary models of intervention services for children & families. • 85% of participants agreed or strongly agreed the conference provided opportunities to network with others interested in the welfare of children. • 89% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that overall information from the conference provided them with a better understanding of the issues surrounding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. • 90% of participants agreed or strongly agreed the conference provided certifiable training opportunities for individuals who work professionally providing services for the benefit of children and families.
SFY 2024 Summary (until April 2024)	
The 47th Annual Governors Conference for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect was held on Oct. 18-20, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, KS. The agenda for the conference is in Appendix B.	497 participants attended, including speakers. • (5) institute sessions 6 hours on October 18, 2023 • (27) workshops 1.5 hours on October 19-20, 2023 • (2) Keynote presentations – one for 1.5 hours and one for 3 hours on October 19 And October 20, 2023 Excerpts from the evaluation results for the conference: • 94% of Keynote Session participants found presentations were immensely beneficial for their professional growth. • 78% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that the conference provided information about exemplary models of intervention services for children & families. *Cont. on next page

	• 81% of participants agreed or strongly agreed the conference provided opportunities to network with others interested in the welfare of children. • 81% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that overall information from the conference provided them with a better understanding of the issues surrounding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. • 81% of participants agreed or strongly agreed the conference provided certifiable training opportunities for individuals who work professionally providing services for the benefit of children and families.

CJA Category Objective (C)

Reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children, which may include those children involved in reports of child abuse or neglect with a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, from child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

2021 Objective 4: (aligning to CJA category C)

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders involved in the forensic and medical evaluation of child abuse and neglect cases, covering any medical professional, including mental health aspects, enhancing MDTs and school counselors.

Since 2021, Kansas CJA subgrantee Children's Mercy Hospital has made progress related to these recommendations. **Children's Mercy Hospital (CMH)** is a non-profit children's hospital system with a team of Child Abuse Pediatricians who perform medical evaluations for thousands of children and families for whom there are concerns for child maltreatment, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, and/or neglect, and work very closely with multidisciplinary partners who investigate these concerns.

Children's Mercy Hospital – Annual Grantee Activities relating to CJA Categories

Annual Summary	Activities/Outcomes
SFY 2022 Summary	
Children's Mercy Hospital (CMH) developed Child Abuse Referral Evaluation (CARE), pilot program in the Kansas City Region involving the following counties in Kansas: Wyandotte & Johnson. The purpose of a CARE referral is to connect children and families with a network of medical professionals to receive recommendations regarding medical treatment a child may need due to child abuse/neglect. This project aimed to disperse providers with trauma expertise throughout Kansas by providing a clear referral workflow for child abuse investigations. This CARE network ensures that every reported case of-physical abuse and/or physical neglect aged three and under will be reviewed by a board-certified child abuse pediatrician who, in turn, provide recommendations to Kansas Department of Children & Families (DCF) investigators. Initial start of this pilot program occurred between 10/18/2021-06/30/22.	• 146 referrals made to Child Abuse Medical Resource Center (MRC)/medical providers & professionals regarding medical treatment needed for children involved with abuse/neglect concerns between 10/18/21-06/30/2022.

SFY 2023 Summary	
CARE Referral program expanded to the entire Kansas City Region to include Atchison, Douglas, and Leavenworth counties along with Johnson and Wyandotte counties. The program was also expanded to include children aged five and under. Program developed streamline referral system was piloted in the Kansas City and Northeast Region on 4/1/2023. Integrated Referral & Intake System (IRIS) was selected as the primary referral mechanism for DCF staff and pediatricians at the MRC to communicate about children experiencing abuse or neglect and to provide a coordinated response to connect children to quality care. IRIS is managed by the Center for Public Partnership & Research at the University of Kansas. Since June 1, 2023, DCF and MRC staff have used IRIS to streamline organizational communication and promote interagency coordination. Since IRIS allows DCF case workers to communicate directly with medical experts through quick feedback and automatic notifications, they are already experiencing significant workflow enhancements.	• 119 CARE referrals received between 07/01/2022-09/30/22. • 112 CARE referrals received between 10/01/2022-12/31/2022. • 114 CARE referrals received between 01/01/2023-03/31/2023. • 83 CARE referrals received between 04/01/2023- 06/30/2023.
SFY 2024 Summary	
This grantee did not renew grant for SFY 2024. The CARE program expanded statewide after receiving funds from KDHE & Kansas Chapter American Academy for Pediatrics (KAAP) through new legislation law: Chapter 70: House Bill 2024 effective June 1, 2023.	• N/A

As mentioned above and in Section IV, Children's Mercy Hospital did not renew $56,500 in SFY 24. To stay aligned with CJA funding purpose C, the award was divided between two existing CJA grantees. These grantees were able to perform additional work related to Objective 4 aligning with category C. Activities made possible by this funding are outlined in activities/outcomes.

Child Advocacy Center of Kansas - $17,400

- Send (17) attendees to the National Children's Alliance Leadership conference taking place in June in Washington, DC. Features over 58 workshops. live conference sessions and keynote speakers.
- Print extra training, educational, and marketing materials related to assist with building awareness and capacity of stakeholders outlined in Objective 4 aligning with category C above.

Kansas ChildFirst - $39,100

- Purchase new technology for training to replace outdated equipment.
- Support 30 additional stakeholders in the fields of medical, mental health, education, and other MDT members to attend upcoming advanced training in June.
- Fund the increased supplies/training materials for the additional attendees.
- Cover additional expenses related to training logistics.

Section III: Process used to complete the 2024 3YA.

Steps to produce the 2024 Three-Year Assessment (3YA) began with an early review of the 2021 3YA in the fall of 2023. Additionally, planning sessions and focus groups commenced between DCF and the CJA Task Force Coordinator in December 2023. Subsequent monthly meetings took place from January 2024 through May 2024.

To gather feedback from the CJA Taskforce regarding their evaluation of how the CJA grantees performed, as well as their recommendations for the 2024 CJA 3YA, the CJA Task Force Coordinator initiated a survey sent out on February 5, 2024. Excerpts & analysis of these results following:

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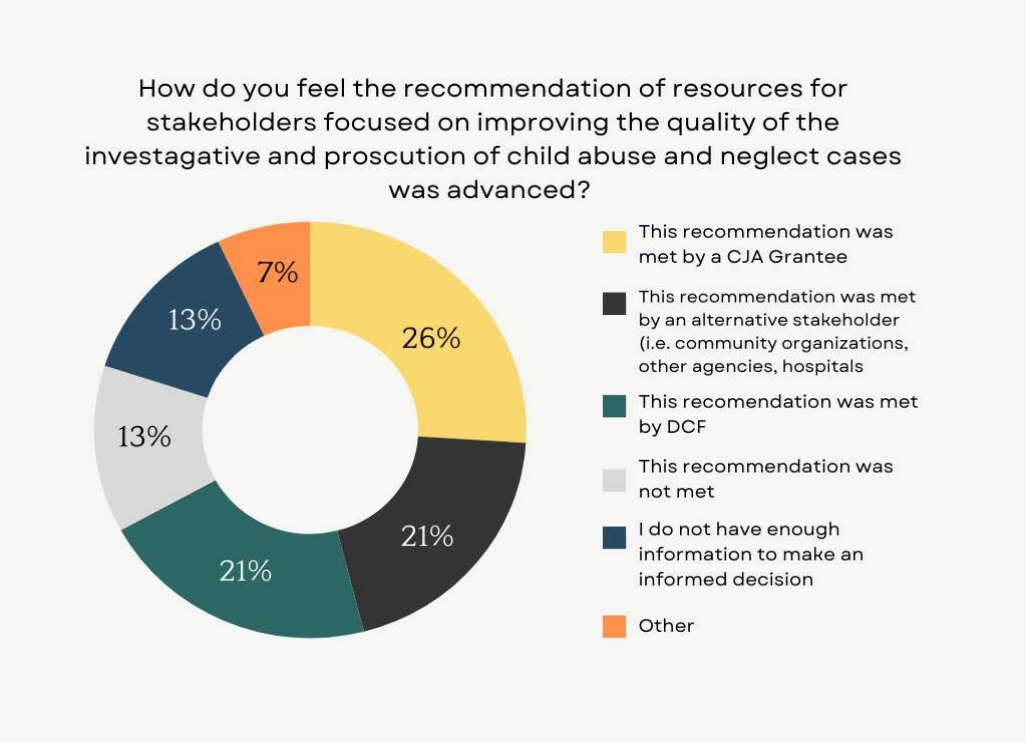

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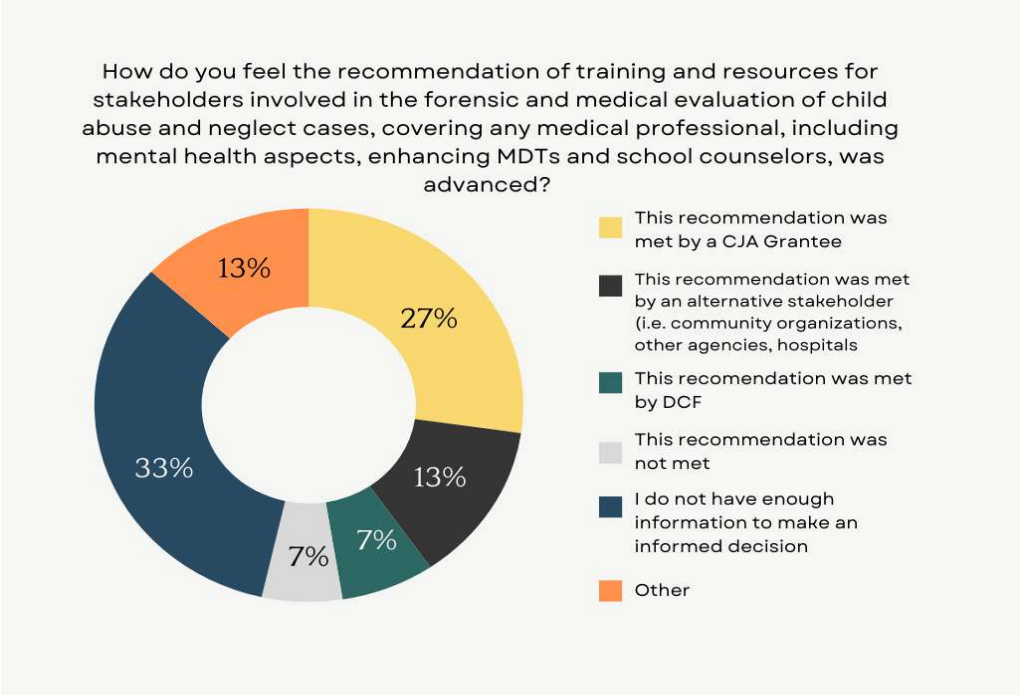

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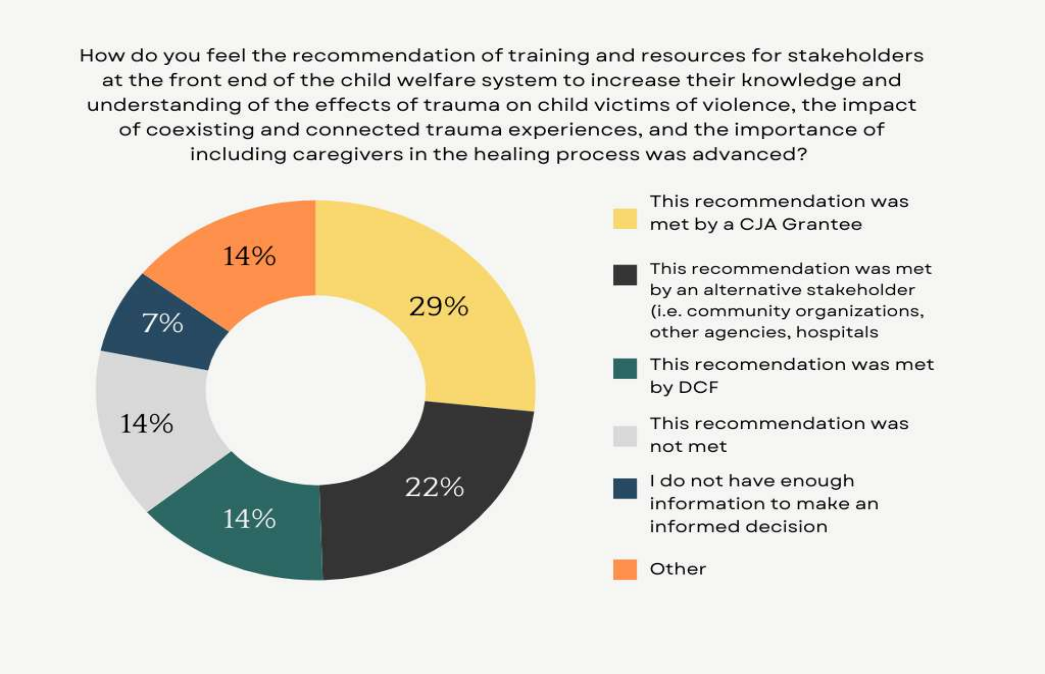

Overall, analysis of the survey shows the Task Force favorably evaluated the CJA subgrantees as meeting the recommendations for 2021. However, responses also show a broad range of awareness, from not knowing enough to make an informed decision to stating the recommendations were met by the CJA grantees. On opposite spectrums of program knowledge, these two options were most selected as a response, with (24) responses stating a CJA grantee had met the recommendations and (9) responses stating they didn't have information to make an informed decision. Eight (8) responses stated the recommendations were met by an alternative stakeholder. This is promising since guest speakers are selected to present during meetings on topics or programs that align with Task Force interests or recommendations. These results show us that building regular education to the Task Force about the CJA program categories and relating these back to the work of the CJA subgrantees is essential in helping all levels of program knowledge on the Task Force stay connected and engaged to the goals and recommendations.

With this information, the CJA Task Force is committed to improving oversight and involvement with 2024 grantees through increased connection to the work of the subgrantees. Ongoing efforts will include:

- CJA Subgrantees will foster program familiarity through a presentation to the CJA Task Force
- CJA Subgrantees will promote any upcoming events directly to the CJA Task Force
- CJA Subgrantees will provide regular progress/status updates toward objectives to be delivered during Task Force Meetings, including the Annual Joint Retreat in Topeka, Kansas.
- CJA Subgrantees will have a representative attend meetings as requested by the CJA Task Force
- CJA Subgrantees will invite CJA Task Force Members as honorary guests to any training provided through CJA fund.

The purpose of the training series presented to the Task Force by CJA grantees is to provide insight into the topics and learning objectives covered in their granted program. Annually, a subgrantee will provide comprehensive information on the training series or pieces of training provided in the public or professional domain. The CJA Task Force is dedicated to broadly examining the allocation and distribution of CAPTA and CJA funds among subgrantees and the Task Force itself. The Kansas Department of Children and Families commits to delivering an annual financial report detailing the allocation of CJA funds, aiming to enhance comprehension of federal mandates and requirements.

Feedback gained from the survey, past meeting notes, goals, and objectives guided the Task Force into identifying recommendations for 2024, outlined in Section IV. The survey also delivered valuable ideas to explore for future collaborations, conversations, and presentations, but which did not fit the criteria for a recommendation at this time. These include:

- Help to recruit more individuals in the legal profession to work in Child Welfare.
- More training for community-based organizations and programs serving children and families on DCF operations around the Kansas Practice Model and Families in Need of Assessment (FINA), to help standardize the child welfare practice across the state of Kansas.

Furthermore, a subcommittee dedicated to the 2024 3YA was established to enhance the depth of the evaluation of the CJA grantees, review their scope of work from the past three years of their grants, and align their scope of work to the (3) CJA categories. This subcommittee convened on eight occasions to deliberate on survey findings, past goals, and objectives, review essential data, and engage in focused discussions pertaining to the 2024 Three-Year Assessment.

Section IV: Policy and Training Recommendations from the 2024 3YA Process

In compliance with CAPTA section 107 (e)(1)(A), (B), and (C), the Kansas CJA Task Force is committed to continuously enhancing the child welfare system by offering insights into policy and training. The Task Force assumes the responsibility of pinpointing opportunities for transformation and potential areas where the child welfare agency can refine its procedures and methods. Drawing from the task force's extensive background, various experiences, subcommittee discussions, strategic deliberations, and survey feedback, the ensuing suggestions are deemed as top priorities.

CJA Category Objective (A)

Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family, and which also ensures procedural fairness to the accused.

Recommendation: 1.A

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders aimed at ensuring services that are not primary prevention or treatment services are accessible and appropriate, with special attention to fathers and kinship caregivers as defined in CJA PI (I.E., family members, relative caregivers, close, non-related caregivers).

Recommendation: 2.A

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders focused on improving front-end investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect for all families in the State of Kansas.

CJA Category Objective (B)

Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and neglect cases, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and which also ensure procedural fairness to the accused.

Recommendation 1.B

The CJA Task Force recommends training and resources for stakeholders focused on improving collaboration between child welfare, legal, and judicial communities through innovative projects that limit the trauma of court participation and/or increase high-quality legal counsel for Kansas families with child welfare system involvement.

CJA Category Objective (C)

Reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children, which may include those children involved in reports of child abuse or neglect with a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as intrastate, interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal, from child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.

Recommendation 1.C

The CJA Task Force recommends training and support to inter-agency networks and stakeholders to build awareness to improve State protocol and procedures when children and families are involved in reports of child abuse and neglect, to ensure reasonable efforts are made to prevent unnecessary family disruption.

Section V: CJA Task Force Incorporation of Recommendations

Sub-Grantee Oversight and Involvement:
The CJA Task Force is committed to improving oversight and involvement with 2024 grantees through increased connection to the work of the subgrantees. Ongoing efforts are outlined in Section III. Additionally, the CJA Task Force will implement a Subgrantee Oversight meeting focused on improving relationship and oversight with the CJA Sub-grantees.

Collaboration with DCF:
The CJA Task Force is dedicated to enhancing collaboration with the Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF). Recognizing the significance of a robust and open communication channel with DCF, the Task Force acknowledges its pivotal role in driving positive outcomes for children and families across Kansas. To foster this relationship, DCF will furnish the Task Force with an annual fiscal report detailing

subgrantees and their respective fund allocations. The Task Force will subsequently engage in follow-up procedures with subgrantees as deemed necessary, ensuring effective utilization of resources and promoting accountability within the system. Additionally, The Task Force coordinator and DCF will collaborate on a quarterly newsletter for the CJA Task Force and CRP panels to foster collaboration.

Exploration of Lived Experience and Community Voice:
The CJA Task Force is committed to enhancing community engagement and amplifying the voices of individuals with firsthand experience. Leveraging the updated website, the Task Force aims to foster greater community involvement, facilitating an avenue for individuals to voice questions and concerns. This initiative seeks to deepen members' comprehension of service deficiencies and community needs, thereby promoting equitable treatment for children and families and ensuring the adoption of best practices statewide in Kansas. Additionally, the Task Force will utilize newly developed informational materials to attract experienced members, thus bolstering the effectiveness and diversity of the Task Force. The Task Force also relies on information collected and included in the Kansas Office of Public Advocates, Division of the Child Advocate (KDCA) Annual Report, including recommendations provided by KDCA, complaints launched by the public, and case examples provided by KDCA from complaint assessments

Information Sharing:
The CJA Task Force explores Kansas' efforts to increase front-end support for children and families. Many initiatives and collaboratives across the state of Kansas support best practices. The CJA Task Force seeks to support this work through information sharing. It represents various agencies and distinct expertise, which will be used to share efforts across Kansas, connecting and leading collaboration on prevention and front-end strategies and efforts.

Data Collection:
The CJA Task Force will systematically gather data from various guest speakers, the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Kansas Child Death Review Board at regular intervals to assess evolving trends and identify service gaps. This data collection serves as a platform for information exchange and collaborative dialogue concerning Kansas's needs. Moreover, the Task Force will leverage this information to inform any necessary adjustments to the recommendations and the focus of subgrantees.

Section VI: Appendices

Appendix A: Membership Background

Judge Amy Coppola, Geary County District Magistrate Judge – Judge Coppola recently received the honor of becoming an implementation site with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). This is the first one in Kansas, and it focuses on the Enhanced Resource Guidelines in judicial leadership of conducting quality hearings concentrating on the well-being and permanency of all Child in Need of Care (CINC) and cross-over juvenile (JV) cases. Judge Coppola hears all adoption, CINC, JV, and adult criminal misdemeanor and felony preliminary hearings in Geary County. She received her Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Kansas and her Juris Doctorate at Washburn. She has worked as a private practice attorney focusing on domestic law and a prosecuting attorney before taking the bench in January of 2021.

Kerrie Lonard, Division of the Child Advocate, Topeka – Kerrie is the Child Advocate/Director of the Kansas Division of the Child Advocate. The Division was established by Executive Order in October 2021, with Kerrie's appointment announced in December. Kerrie is also the current state coordinator for the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC). Kerrie spent 14 years with Kansas Legal Services serving as both Staff Attorney and Managing Attorney. Kerrie has represented children and youth as Guardian ad Litem (GAL), as well as parents, and interested parties in child-in-need-of-care proceedings. She has facilitated and presented at statewide GAL and Child Welfare practitioner continuing legal education trainings and served as a member on the Kansas Supreme Court Taskforce on Permanency Planning. During law school she interned as a CINC prosecutor and volunteered as a CASA. Kerrie holds BSW and MSW degrees and worked as a school social worker for several years as well as positions within foster care and mental health.

Judge Douglas Jones, Cottonwood Falls – As District Magistrate Judge, Judge Jones is interested in helping to improve the system. Judge Jones believes the most critical decisions made regarding a child are whether or not to remove a child from the home. He offers perspectives and ideas to formulate policies that ensure safety as well as what is involved in the decision to remove or not remove a child from the family. While in private practice, he served as a Guardian Ad Litem in numerous child in need of care cases. He handles most of the temporary custody hearings in child in need of care cases in the Fifth Judicial District.

Miranda Johnson, Caffey, Johnson & Ingels, P.A.– As a Guardian Ad Litem and defense attorney in Kansas for more than 15 years, Miranda has witnessed a need to ensure the safety of the child prior to court involvement. On this panel, she works to review and improve the policies not only from intake to petition, but before, to help keep families intact and children safe. Her knowledge of the court system as it relates to CINC cases is extensive.

Amber Jewell, School Social Worker K-12, USD 245—With the Kansas Child Welfare System, I have had a three-prong experience. Initially, I was a youth in foster care that was reliant on the parts of the foster care system. Next, I became a LMSW and a case manager within the foster care reintegration system that worked with families and youth who had experienced an out of home placement. Now, I function as a trainer, foster parent and advocate for people impacted by the foster care system with the hope to better the foster care system and those it serves. I am a K-12 school social worker and collaborate with many providers to train professionals as needed within and for the foster care system. I also participate in CPS groups and boards and maintain a foster care home license.

Dr. Emily Killough, Child Abuse Pediatrician, CMH—I am a child abuse pediatrician and specialize in the forensic medical evaluation of children who may have been abused or neglected. I work closely with other professionals in the child welfare field including DCF and law enforcement and help explain the medical significance of injuries and other findings. I am considered a regional expert in the medical evaluation of child maltreatment.

Pamela Robbins, Pamela Robbins serves as the Executive Director of Kansas Foster and Adoptive Parent Association. KFAPA provides education, advocacy and support for foster, adoptive and kinship families throughout the state. Pamela has worked in the child welfare system for twenty years as a trainer as well as experience in licensing and placement. Pamela and her husband also have lived experience, having served as foster parents for 22 years. Three of their five children are adopted. Pamela holds a Master of Public Administration. Pamela is a parent advocacy volunteer for North American Council on Adoptable Children and also serves on the National Foster Parent Council of States.

Tate Toedman, Kansas Department of Education, Topeka – As Assistant Director of the Special Education and Title Services team, he works with programs that assist at-risk students and families. Tate has a deep understanding of how these students need advocates and a system that is respectful to their unique needs. He oversees at-risk programs in school districts throughout the state, having served as the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth for the State of Kansas. As a past teacher, Tate has taught and been a school counselor in high poverty schools in the Topeka school district as well as serving as a mentor in the Big Brother Big Sister program. He has previously served as a community action board member for Brown and Nemaha Counties in the Big Brother Big Sister program. Tate also has served on the Governor's Subcommittee on Housing and Homelessness and the Kansas Statewide Coalition for Homelessness and Housing.

Kelly Stanford, Chief Program Officer for CIS of Mid-America and has been with the organization since 2013. She holds a B.A. in English and history from Texas A & I University, along with a M.Ed. in Education Administration from Angelo State University. She brings many layers of experience to CIS of Mid-America, including teaching at alternative schools in Texas, school and district leadership at both the director and assistant superintendent level in Texas and Colorado and, most recently, five years as the Executive Director of Routt County United Way in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. She is a 2017 graduate of the Allstate Foundation's Greater Good Non-profit Leader's Program in conjunction with the Kellogg School of Management's Center for Non-profit Management at Northwestern University and a 2022 Northwestern University Executive Scholar.

Sara Hortenstine, Kansas Child Death Review Board, Topeka – Sara Hortenstine is Executive Director of the State Child Death Review Board, housed in the Office of Kansas Attorney General. The CDRB is the third of the three Citizen Review Panels in Kansas. Sara attends the meetings of the other two panels, acting as a liaison and sharer of information and resources. The CDRB examines trends and patterns that identify risk factors in the deaths of children, from birth through 17 years of age, that occur in the state of Kansas.
Kristin Hines, Kansas CASA Association, Topeka – Kristin has worked in social service nonprofits for 18 years. She served as the Executive Director of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program serving all six of the rural and frontier counties of the 16th Judicial District in Southwest Kansas for 15 of those years. She holds an MBA and scored in the top 10% of students on the National Field Test for MBAs in 2015. Kristin is well-known as a professional willing to help those within and outside the CASA network. In 2021, she moved into the position of State Trainer for the Kansas CASA Association. In this role she is able to support children and families through building the capacity of all CASA programs and their volunteers across the state of Kansas.
Jennifer Gassmann, KCSL Jennifer Gassmann is the supervisor of the Parent Child Assistance Program in Shawnee County with Kansas Children's Service League. She has worked as a social worker for twenty-six years and has a variety of experience in providing services to families, including foster care, adoption, family preservation, and substance use. She received her bachelor's in social work Degree at Kansas State University, and also has certification in substance use case management. Jennifer is the board chair of the state Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. She is a licensed foster parent and also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children in the court system.
Jenny Broyles, Jenny has been a single licensed foster parent for 6 years to troubled teens and special needs kiddos. I have also been in the Army National Guard for the past 11.5 years and really enjoy it. It has been a privilege to be a part of this committee and learn from the amazing professionals. I also work a full-time job as a Targeted Case Manager for individuals on the IDD waiver. I enjoy being outdoors and having fun with my kiddos.
Brynn Blair, A licensed Kansas Attorney and worked as a Staff Attorney at Kansas Legal Services-Topeka from May 2018 until February 2023. As of March 1, 2023, Brynn became the managing attorney for the KLS Topeka office. While Brynn practices a variety of law at Kansas Legal Services, about 50% of her cases consist of Child In Need of Care (CINC) work. Brynn receives CINC cases through Kansas Legal Services' participation in the Douglas County Child in Need of Care Appointment panel. Through the Douglas County panel, KLS attorneys are appointed as either Guardian Ad Litem or parent attorneys.
Lana Goetz, Office of Judicial Administration Appointee
Shelby Ponder, Saint Francis Ministries, Wichita- Shelby has been providing hope and healing to children and families for eight years. During her time at Saint Francis Ministries, she has worked as an In-home Family Preservation Therapist and later provided leadership to the Family Preservation Program as supervisor for Wichita. Shelby transitioned to Reintegration, where she began to supervise in the Aftercare program. In her role as Reintegration Director, Shelby continues to advocate for children and families in the child welfare system along with staff working in this field. Shelby is excited to continue in her current role, providing support to children, families, and staff.
Christine Lucero, ACF Region VII Appointee
The team from the **Kansas Department for Children and Families** acts as advisors to the panel, helps coordinate activities related to the panel's interests, and facilitates and recommends presenters for the panels.
Jennifer Slagle, CAPTA Grant Administrator and CAPTA State Liaison Officer
Docia Small, CJA Grant Administrator
Ariele Erwine, Deputy Director of Prevention Services

Appendix B: KCSL Agendas

*2022 Governor's Conference Agenda

DATE	DAY	SESSION #	TITLE	PRESENTER
Weds	27-Oct	N-1	*Strategies and Skills to Address Domestic Violence in Child Welfare: Getting to Know the Family*	Kristina Scott

Weds	27-Oct	N-2	*Connections Matter! Approaches and Tools for Promoting Self-Regulation, Resilience and Well-Being*	Rachelle Soden, Anne Maack, Linda Chamberlain
Weds	27-Oct	N-4	*The 6 R's of Healthy Parenting and Trauma Informed Treatment*	Dr. Rick Gaskill
Weds	27-Oct	N-3	*DSM 5: Play-Based Interactions*	Dr. Todd Frye, Dr. Rebecca Chow
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Thursday	28-Oct	N-4	*The 6 R's of Healthy Parenting and Trauma Informed Treatment*	Dr. Rick Gaskill
Friday	5-Nov	K-3	*The DNA of HOPE: The Science of the Positive Framework*	Jeff Linkenbach
Friday	5-Nov	7-1	*What is Kansas VINE? How can VINE increase safety for children and families?*	Joan Proctor
Friday	5-Nov	7-2	*Remarkably Resilient: An Interactive Workshop*	CANCELLED
Friday	5-Nov	7-3	*Youth Suicide Prevention*	Monica Kurz
Friday	5-Nov	7-4	*Human Trafficking in Kansas—An overview*	Michelle McCormick

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***Date, October 11th-12th, 2022**	***Time Start**	***Time End**	***Session Title**	**Speakers**
10/11/2022	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	*N-1 Patterned: How the Brain is Wired for Protection from Birth*	Shana Schmidt; Nicole Booze

10/11/2022	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	*N-2 The DSM-5 Personality/SUD and Ethical Complications as Related to Diagnosis of Mental Health Conditions*	Jean Mash; Elise Dunnigan, LBSW/MSW
10/11/2022	09:00 AM	12:00 PM	*N-3 Advancing Applications of HOPE through the Science of the Positive*	Jeff Linkenbach; Carla Ritz; Sara Thompson; Rachelle Soden
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***October 18th-20th, 2022**				
10/18/2022	08:30 AM	10:00 AM	*K-1 Addressing Racial Inequities in Child Welfare*	Iheoma U. Iruka, Ph.D.; Gail Cozadd; Rachelle Soden
10/18/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*1-1 Structural Violence and Race Trauma*	Shenandoah Chefalo
10/18/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*1-2 Basics of KanCare Children's Coverage*	Aurora Myers
10/18/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*1-3 Youth Suicide Prevention in Kansas*	Laura Moore
10/18/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*1-4 Parent Peer Support: Promoting Resilience in Children and Families*	Ellen Walker
10/18/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*1-5 They Are All Our Children: Applying a Multi-Sector Family-Driven Approach to Achieving Child and Family Well-Being*	April Diaz; Priya Vanchy Kadavasal; Kassi McDowell; Amy Myers; Megan Cizek; Becci Akin; Kaela Byers
10/18/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*1-6 Expanding Our Silos: Building Effective Collaboration between Child Welfare Professionals and Domestic Violence Advocates*	Kristina Scott, LMSW; Cassie Bone

10/18/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*2-1 Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) Independent Living Program*	Amy Ervin; Brianna Preto
10/18/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*2-2 Kansas Youth Advisory Council – The Voice of Youth Transitioning from Foster Care into Adulthood*	Hannah Gremillion; Kathryn Johnson
10/18/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*2-3 Remarkably Resilient®; an interactive workshop*	Kathleen McKune; Karen Diskin-Dickson; Sharon Borde
10/18/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*2-4 Courageous Conversations: Launching a Learning Series on Racial Disparities in Child Welfare & why it must Continue*	Shanelle Dupree
10/18/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*2-5 Safe Sleep Update: Newly Revised AAP Safe Sleep Recommendations*	Christy Schunn, LSCSW
10/18/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*2-6 LGBTQ+ Cultural Competency & Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Youth & Families*	Adrianne Ralston
10/18/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*3-1 Authentically Engaging Families Through the 4Es*	Iheoma U. Iruka, Ph.D.
10/18/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*3-2 Leveraging KCTC student survey data now and into the future*	Rachel Phillips
10/18/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*3-3 Making Space for Reflective Supervision*	Jessica Mostaffa
10/18/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*3-4 "Weathering the Storm" - Team Decision Making*	Jordyn Sharp; Brandi Lewis; Harold Murphy; Angela Haas
10/18/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*3-5 Youth Suicide Prevention: Safety in the Home*	Monica Kurz; Meg Hasselman
10/18/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*3-6 Making the Connection: Strong Families, Strong Businesses, and Strong Communities*	Dana Book
10/19/2022	08:30 AM	10:00 AM	*K-2 A Survivor's Guide to Using a Trauma Framework*	Shenandoah Chefalo; Gail Cozadd; Rachelle Soden
10/19/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*4-1 Ethics of Mandated Reporting through a Trauma-Responsive and Racial Justice Lens: Part 1*	Miriam Itzkowitz; Katie Olson
10/19/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*4-2 Fentanyl and Kansas Kids: A Panel Discussion*	Kerri Weeks; Travis Rakestraw; Daniel Warren; Jenny Ecord

10/19/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*4-3 How Collaboration helps to implement and support a skills-based coaching program*	Vickie McArthur; Alanea Hanna; Taryn Atkins; Elise Crain; Catrina Hinkle; Natasha Santiago-Mason
10/19/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*4-4 Kansas VINE: What is victim notification and what is new in VINE?*	Joan Proctor
10/19/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*4-5 Fact VS Fiction: Understanding the Role of Social Media and Online Activity in Human Trafficking*	Michelle McCormick
10/19/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*4-6 Parent Voices: Perspectives on Race Equity, Mental Health, and Parenting*	Rosa Herrera; William Eckels
10/19/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*5-1 Ethics of Mandated Reporting through a Trauma-Responsive and Racial Justice Lens: Part 2*	Miriam Itzkowitz; Katie Olson
10/19/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*5-2 Trauma and the Impact on Young Men of Color*	Richard Smith
10/19/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*5-3 Drug Endangered Children and Creating Community Alliances*	Jennifer Gassmann; Caroline Hastings
10/19/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*5-4 Be A Voice for Babies: Overview of Infant Mental Health*	Tammy Wallin, MS; Marie Treichel; Beth Blubaugh
10/19/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*5-5 Blocked Care: Helping Parents Regain Compassion*	Melissa Corkum
10/19/2022	12:30 PM	01:30 PM	*5-6 Keeping Kids Safe Online - A Discussion with the Experts*	Monica Cattau; Ken Bilderback
10/19/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*6-1 Ethics of Mandated Reporting through a Trauma-Responsive and Racial Justice Lens: Part 3*	Miriam Itzkowitz; Katie Olson
10/19/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*6-2 Overview of Trust-Based Parenting Resources that are Available for Kansas Families*	Greg Lombard Rea
10/19/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*6-3 Working at the Shared Risk and Protective Factor Level for Greater Impact*	Stefanie Olson
10/19/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*6-4 Special Response Team- The Road from Missing/Runaway Youth in Care to Commercial Sexual Exploitation.*	Taylor Jorgensen; Jessie Stonebraker; Kent Bauman
10/19/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*6-5 In Time of Need: Kansas State Resources 1800CHILDREN, MOBILE CRISIS LINE, 988 line*	Stephanie Boone; Laura Brake; Frances Breyne Avery, J.D.
10/19/2022	01:45 PM	02:45 PM	*6-6 Re-telling the Story of Health and Healing*	Kevin Campbell; Kellie Hans-Reid

10/20/2022	08:30 AM	10:00 AM	*K-3 Punished for Being Wounded: Children of Color and the Trauma to Prison Pipeline*	Richard Smith; Gail Cozadd; Rachelle Soden
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-1 Supporting Kansas Youth: Implementing the Crossover Youth Practice Model in Kansas*	Ashley Brown; Alex Miller; Daniel Olson
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-2 Just because I'm incarcerated doesn't make me a bad mother*	Dani Essman
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-3 Continuing the Conversation: Impacts of a Trauma-Response to Mandated Reporting*	Adrianne Ralston; Erica Hunter
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-4 Domestic Violence Protective Factors for Survivors and Their Children*	Kristina Scott, LMSW
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-5 Breastfeeding Building Blocks*	Brenda Bandy
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-6 Communities Supporting Families-What We Have Learned*	Stacey Tweedy; Hilary Trudo; Hailey Korbe; Erica Romero; Heather Braden; Sarah Henning; Janet Barnes
10/20/2022	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	*7-7 Find Your Calm: Conference Yoga Wind Down*	Constance Porazka

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CONFERENCE AGENDA
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18

INSTITUTES 1-6
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

N-1 Expanding our Silos: Building Effective Collaboration between Child Welfare Professionals & Domestic Violence Advocates **[BIRCH]**
N-2 The Need to Prioritize Relational Health in Child Welfare **[REDBUD B]**
N-3 DSM-5-TR: Anxiety Disorders in Today's Society for Adolescents & Emerging Adults **[CYPRESS]**
N-4 Kansas Leadership Center: When Everyone Leads **[REDBUD C]**
N-5 Relational Health: A Paradigm Shift for All Family Serving Systems **[REDBUD A]**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

WELCOME & KEYNOTE
8:30 - 10:20 a.m.

K-1 ***Child Welfare Helped Me Find Hope,*** Amber Jewell, LMSW **[REDBUD ABC]**

WORKSHOP SESSION 1
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

1-1 Special Response Team: The Road from Missing/Runaway Youth in Care to Commercial Sexual Exploitation **[CYPRESS A]**
1-2 Best Practices for Families Affected by Substance Use Disorder **[CYPRESS B]**
1-3 Pathways to a Healthy Kansas: Supporting Family-Friendly Workplaces **[CEDAR]**
1-4 Supporting Kansas Youth: Implementing the Crossover Youth Practice Model **[WALNUT]**
1-5 Begin with the End in Mind: Creating Safety & Permanency for the Most Difficult Problems **[BIRCH]**
1-6 Kansas Department for Children & Families Independent Living Program **[OAK]**
1-7 Just Because I'm Incarcerated, Doesn't Mean I'm a Bad Mother **[OSAGE]**
1-8 The Clinical Efficacy of Meditation & Neural Feedback in Improving Emotional Health in Children, their Parents & Caregivers **[STIMSON/SANTA FE]**
1-9 Leveraging KCTC Student Survey Data Now & into the Future **[MAPLE]**

LUNCHEON & AWARDS
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH ***Recognition of Sponsors; 2023 Agency Service Awards; 2023 Governor's Conference Awards*** **[REDBUD ABC]**

WORKSHOP SESSION 2
1:30 - 3 p.m.

2-1 Ethics: Re-Awakening Hope Part 1: Wisdom in Conversation with the Social Work Code of Ethics **[CYPRESS A]**
2-2 SOUL Family: A Youth-Led Proposal to Expand Permanency Options for Teens in Foster Care **[CEDAR]**
2-3 Perinatal Substance Use: Mandated Reporting & Best Practices for Supporting Families **[OAK]**
2-4 Attitude is Everything: 10 Rules for Staying Positive **[WALNUT]**
2-5 Calming Care: Tools for Self-Care **[MAPLE]**
2-6 Increasing Family Success **[OSAGE]**
2-7 Supporting More than Just Youth: The Need for a Generational Lens **[STIMSON/SANTA FE]**
2-8 Fentanyl & Overdose Trends in Kansas **[BIRCH]**
2-9 An Interactive & Facilitated Discussion on Personal & Professional Ethical Values with Race, Poverty & Neglect **[CYPRESS B]**

WORKSHOP SESSION 3
3:25 - 5 p.m.

3-1 Ethics: Re-Awakening Hope Part 2: Wisdom in Conversation with the Social Work Code of Ethics **[CYPRESS A]**
3-2 Kansas Youth Advisory Council: Barriers to Self-Sufficiency & Exiting Foster **[CEDAR]**
3-3 Continuing the Conversation: Mandated Reporting & Supporting Families **[OAK]**
3-4 I Smell Something Burning...Is it Me? How to Deal with Burnout **[BIRCH]**
3-5 Remarkably Resilient Together™: Raising Community Awareness about Resilience **[WALNUT]**
3-6 Family Resource Centers: Supporting & Strengthening Kansas Families **[MAPLE]**
3-7 Environmental Adaptations as Trauma Intervention for System-Involved Youth **[CYPRESS B]**
3-8 A Model Approach to Kinship Caregiving **[STIMSON/SANTA FE]**
3-9 Understanding Microaggressions: The Subtle Dismantler of Relationships **[OSAGE]**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

CLOSING & KEYNOTE
8:30 a.m. - Noon

K-2 ***Introduction to Radical Imagination: How We Can Partner with Families & Children to Materialize the Realities They Deserve,*** Angelique Kedem, Tracy Benson & Cory France, W. Haywood Burns Institute **[REDBUD ABC]**