

Background

Research is clear that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have long-lasting negative consequences for the health of individuals and communities. Safe, stable, and nurturing relationships for children are the best way to prevent and to mitigate the impact of ACEs. Using a public health approach to ACEs prevention is one way to have the broadest reach to: increase public awareness of ACEs; use data to inform planning and decision-making; create the right contexts in communities through positive social norms; and, assist policy makers in identifying and aligning policies across systems.

Kansas' Initiative

By aligning efforts, state and local level collaborative teams can create effective partnerships to ensure that Kansas is the best place to raise healthy children who are safe, stable, and nurtured in their relationships and in their communities. This work is most successful when partners identify a clear strategic direction based on a common agenda, and begin to operationalize a shared vision for change.

The Kansas Power of the Positive Common Agenda Vision

All Kansas children live in safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments.

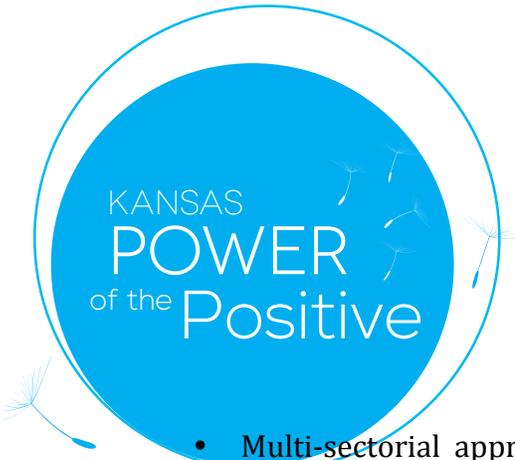
Commitment

To improve the well-being of all Kansans by creating safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments thereby addressing the consequences of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and reducing the number of children exposed to 3+ ACEs to under 10% by 2020.

Strategies

- Employ a multi-generational approach to mitigate and prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Advance systems connections through multi-sectorial collaboration and build upon mutually reinforcing activities
- Engage communities in collaborative efforts in order to empower local level impact
- Develop a network for information and data sharing





Strategies, cont.

- Change mindsets about safe, stable, nurturing, relationships and environments to create norms change
- Create a platform for supporting family-friendly policy change

Principles

- Multi-sectorial approach
- Mutually reinforcing activities
- Innovative
- Community-driven
- State-level change
- Multi-generational

Steering Committee Members

Alliance for Childhood Education
Child Care Aware of Kansas
Children's Alliance of Kansas
Children's Mercy Hospital
Courts
Episcopal Diocese of Kansas
Family Conservancy
Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
Innovative Leadership Strategies
University of Kansas - Center for Public Partnerships & Research
University of Kansas-School of Social Welfare
University of Kansas-School of Medicine
Kansas Action for Children
Alliance of Children's Trust Funds
Attorney General's Office
Kansas Chapter of Academy of Pediatrics
Kansas Chapter of Circle of Parents
Kansas Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America
Kansas Child Advocacy Centers
Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund
Kansas Children's Service League
Kansas City Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention

Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates
Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
Kansas State Extension Office
Department on Aging and Disability Services
Department for Children & Families
Department of Corrections
Department of Health and Environment
Kansas Head Start Association
Kansas Health Institute
Department of Education
Statewide Parent Leadership Advisory Council
Morris Family Foundation
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