

## Good Afternoon

The Kansas Early Childhood Transition Task Force recently completed a ninecity community engagement tour of in-person meetings across Kansas. These meetings provided important discussions and fruitful insights on the challenges, bright spots, and gaps that communities across the state are experiencing. While these conversations will propel the work of the Task Force, we know that more work is needed to ensure that more voices are brought into this conversation. To that end, the Task Force will be holding a virtual listening session on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm to continue these discussions.

The Task Force, created by Executive Order 23-01, has been tasked by the Governor to review the current structure of our early childhood care and education system and create a framework for a single-agency governance structure for early childhood programming that consolidates state initiatives under a new cabinet-level agency. The group is also looking at ways that our state can better support the childcare sector and streamline the delivery of services to providers, families, and communities. The Task Force began its work earlier this year and is on track to deliver a final report to the Governor by the end of the year.

This meeting will begin with a short presentation on the Task Force's work before breaking into small-group discussions where participants will be able to discuss their experiences, needs, and challenges in the early childhood sector. Following the breakout session, the group will return for a large group wrap up session.

To participate, please join via this link: <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602315043">https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602315043</a>

If you cannot attend, we'd ask that you submit your feedback using this form: <a href="https://forms.microsoft.com/g/CYRUFqKdKf">https://forms.microsoft.com/g/CYRUFqKdKf</a>. Participants in the virtual listening session will be asked to fill out the form following the meeting.

We appreciate all your efforts and interest in the work of the Task Force!









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