



Kansas Child Welfare Summit

Working together to create lasting improvement in child welfare.

About

The Child Welfare Summit is a joint effort by the three branches of state government with help from child welfare partners. It is a call to state and local leaders and child welfare justice partners to assemble for the purpose of working together to create lasting improvement in child welfare.

The summit will combine sessions sharing expert knowledge with activities to facilitate discussion and collaboration among the various roles in the child welfare process.

The summit will also focus on practical steps child welfare partners can take to improve the current permanency process and empower Kansas families, youth, and young adults involved in state custody.

Who should attend

The summit is open to anyone invested in child welfare. Judicial districts are forming teams to prepare local action plans during the summit.

- child in need of care judges
- guardians ad litem
- parent attorneys
- prosecutors
- Department for Children and Families staff
- contracted case management providers
- citizen review board staff
- law enforcement
- legislators
- Court Appointed Special Advocate staff and volunteers
- Department on Aging and Disability Services
- tribes
- university staff

When and where

Plan to join us for this hybrid event, whether you prefer to attend in-person or virtually. Together, we will make lasting improvement.

Day 1

Monday, April 15
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Day 2

Tuesday, April 16
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
2–3:55 p.m. legal ethics

Location

Townsite Avenue Ballroom
Townsite Tower, First Floor
534 Kansas Ave.
Topeka, KS 66603

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Topeka**

Summit topics

Topics were selected to help teams develop local plans that use tools and strategies to improve child welfare.

- Effective collaboration between child welfare partners
- Disproportionality, disparities, and inequities in Kansas child welfare
- Safety vs. risk
- Improving Kansas permanency process
- Empowering families involved in child welfare system
- Authentic engagement and collaboration with children, youth, and young adults
- Well-being of child welfare partners
- Mental health in Kansas child welfare
- Takeaways: Low-hanging fruit and short- and long-term goals



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