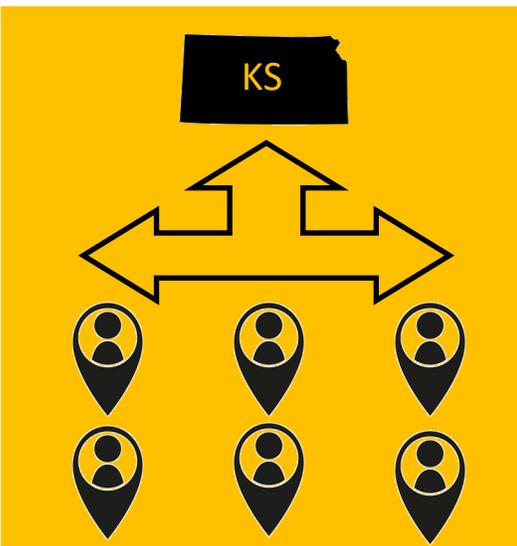




Interagency and Community Advisory Board

Aligning Systems and Strengthening the Service Array

Our Purpose: The Interagency and Community Advisory Board (ICAB) is a Kansas cross-system multi-agency and community collaboration that was established to support two statewide implementations: the Family First Prevention Services Act and Kansas Strong for Children and Families. The ICAB's overarching goal is to support and activate a comprehensive service array that spans a broad continuum of care for families by: (1) building cross-sector knowledge of needs, gaps, challenges, and best practices; (2) using data and continuous quality improvement to monitor processes and outcomes; and (3) developing and executing action plans to address service gaps.

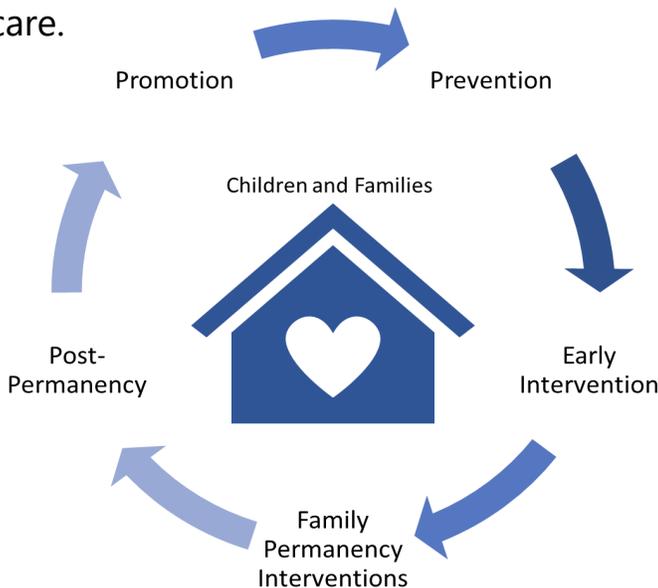


ICAB Structure

The ICAB is made up of a statewide board and six regional boards representing each of the six child welfare regions in Kansas with feedback loops between regions and between regional and statewide groups. The statewide group is comprised of statewide agency and service representatives across sectors (e.g. child welfare, corrections, public health, health, early childhood, behavioral health, courts and legal systems, etc.). Regional groups, co-led by community and child welfare leaders for each region, are comprised of regional stakeholders across child/family serving sectors.

Goal of the ICAB

To support and activate a coordinated and comprehensive service array for children and families across the full continuum of care.



Who We Are

The Interagency and Community Advisory Board is a strategy of *Family First* and *Kansas Strong for Children and Families*, two initiatives that aim to strengthen Kansas child welfare and prevention services promoting child, youth, and family well-being, safety, and permanency. Collaborators include the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and stakeholders and partners across the state from child and family serving systems. The ICAB is supported by the evaluation team from the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare and the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research.

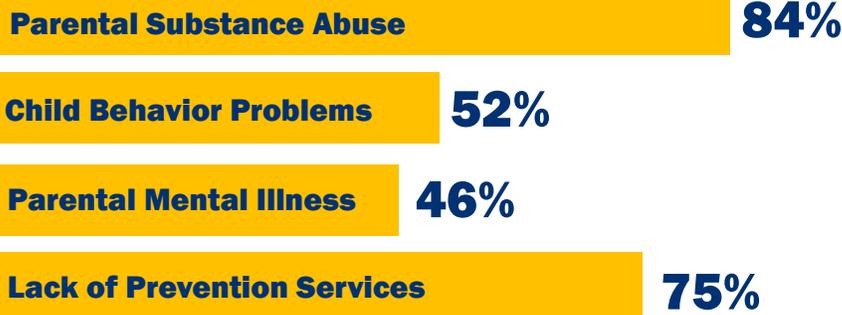
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The Numbers Behind the ICAB Goals

Key barriers to achieving positive child welfare outcomes are closely linked to the service array*

From Surveys of 360+ Kansas Stakeholders

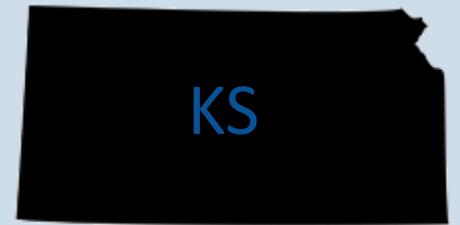


* - percentage of survey respondents that endorsed the barrier

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