

Community Early Childhood Councils

The Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood's mission is to provide leadership and direction for the Commonwealth by providing a comprehensive and sustainable prenatal to age five system that will ensure a strong foundation for all children.

Strengthening Kentucky's Community Early Childhood Councils is a critical component to accomplishing that mission. Community Early Childhood Councils were established in 2000 with a mission to mobilize local community members to build innovative, collaborative partnerships that promote school readiness. Mobilization happens by uniting cross-sector partnerships to positively address policy, practice, and best address specific community needs. Local-level collaboration and coordination are vital to making the best decisions on state and local health, mental health, and wellness resources system to support children and families.

Build a Better Early Childhood System

State and local partnerships are critical to building a comprehensive early childhood system. Kentucky's Community Early Childhood Councils are the vehicle to coordinate efforts that respond to local needs. To do this, Councils should impact their community by:

- Uniting the most effective organizations in local communities around the first, critical years of a child's life
- Invest in ways to create the biggest impact, drawing on blended, braided, and leveraged resources and human capital
- Support data-driven best practices to make measurable progress toward locally defined community-wide goals

