



The Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood is the umbrella organization that unifies partners to overcome fragmented funding and programs with better alignment, coordination, efficiencies and messaging for a positive impact upon early childhood policy and practice.

The Kentucky Regional Collaborative Network

During the 2000 legislative session, House Bill 706 unanimously passed in both chambers of the Kentucky Legislature. At that time, it was the most comprehensive package of early childhood legislation in the nation addressing the needs of children. State and local partnerships were created to meet the locally identified needs of children and set the foundation for the Community Early Childhood Councils. In 2019, the Early Childhood Advisory Council voted to merge the councils based upon geographical location and in alignment with the 10 workforce areas. Today, this network of local partnerships is referred to as Regional Collaboratives and is led by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood.

Regional Collaboratives are tasked with uniting organizations in local communities to address critical early years of a child's life. The Kentucky Regional Collaborative Network:

1. aligns birth-5 programs and strategies, reduces duplication and leverages additional resources to ensure children in their community have a strong start.
2. collaborates with the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS) on [Early Childhood Profile](#) to connect prevention services along the birth-5 pathway to increase access and opportunity.
3. invests in data-driven solutions through local innovation and decision-making to grow Kentucky's Bright Spots.
4. effects change to make measurable progress toward locally defined community-wide goals.

Ensuring Children Have A Strong Start

The Early Childhood Advisory Council and its support office - the Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood - serve as the coordinating body for early childhood in Kentucky. Regional Collaboratives are a priority strategy to reach its overarching goal to ensure Kentucky is the best place to start and raise a family. The office supports solution-oriented discussions, highlights and grows excellence in the field, builds capacity and trains new leaders.

