

# Early Childhood Services in Kentucky

An interim report of the Governor's Task Force  
on Early Childhood Development and Education

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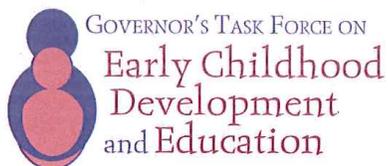


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April 27, 2010

The Honorable Steven L. Beshear  
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Dear Governor Beshear:

We are pleased to present "Early Childhood Services in Kentucky: an interim report of the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education."

Over the past year, the task force met 10 times and has thoroughly studied the existing educational and social services available for children from birth to age 6 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This report serves as a compendium of programs for children in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It also provides a foundation for the task force's continuing work on recommendations and best practices to ensure greater collaboration among providers of services to young children, quality at all levels from early childcare through kindergarten, agreement on what constitutes school readiness, and reliance on accepted early learning standards and assessment.

A quality, comprehensive education and development system for our children is the key to our economic success in the future. We hope that this report serves as a resource guide for parents, child care providers, school faculty and community stakeholders.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## INTRODUCTION

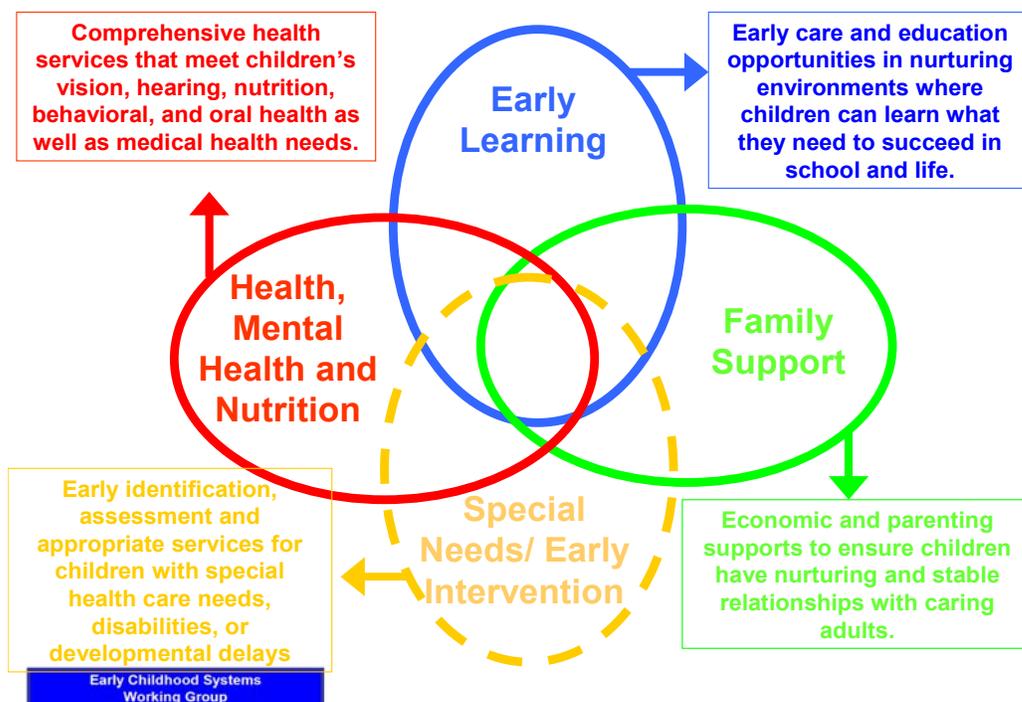
The Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education (task force) is pleased to present its first interim report to Governor Steven L. Beshear and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This report reflects the ground covered by the task force in its first six months and serves as a review and working compendium of early childhood programs in the state.

Building upon the foundation of support for early childhood development and care is an integral part of the commonwealth's future. As we look ahead toward economic development, job opportunities and a healthy quality of life, we must set the basic building blocks for success early in the lives of Kentucky's children.

The task force dedicated its first six meetings to examining Kentucky's existing early childhood programs. The inventory presented to the task force illustrated the depth and breadth of services and programs' strengths, challenges and potential. This report adds further to that inventory and provides the foundation for the task force's ensuing work.

Programs presented to the task force displayed components of the nationally accepted framework for an early childhood system:

### State Early Childhood System



Source: Early Childhood Systems Working Group, National Governors Association, "State Early Childhood Development System" (Washington, D.C.: National Governor's Association, Early Childhood Systems Working Group, 2006) at: <http://www.nga.org/FILES/pdf/07EARLYCHILDFRAMEWORK.PDF>

Upon adoption of this interim report, the task force reaffirms its commitment to duties specified by Gov. Beshear through executive order. Forthcoming task force recommendations for Kentucky's early childhood system involve greater collaboration, quality enhancements, a definition of "school readiness" and reliance upon accepted early-learning standards and assessment.

They include:

- Development of a unified vision;
- Identification of opportunities for and barriers to collaboration and coordination at all levels of the system;
- Revalidation and effective, wide use of early childhood standards;
- Examination of the STARS for KIDS NOW program, the voluntary quality rating system for licensed and certified child care providers;
- Analysis of child assessment requirements and re-examination of child assessment tools;
- Promotion of a model curriculum framework for KERA preschools and related review of kindergarten standards;
- Strengthening the role of the Community Early Childhood Councils; and
- Recommendations for a coherent system of state-level management for the provision of early childhood development and education services for children age birth to six years.

The duties of the task force will improve core elements of Kentucky's early childhood system: governance, child care provider and practitioner support, standards, research and development, financing, communications and monitoring.

The ultimate output is an early childhood framework for Kentucky's state agencies and communities. The ultimate outcome is school readiness for Kentucky's schools, families and children.

We must complete each other, rather than compete with each other. The more we collaborate with each other, the better we will collectively meet the needs of the next generation of Kentuckians.

## Education Programs

\* Note: The task force heard testimony from programs preceded by an asterisk.

### ArtsStart! Grant

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, offers The ArtsStart! Grant, which places professional artists in Kentucky early childhood and preschool facilities for 20 or 40 sessions to demonstrate their art form and share their creativity with children, directors and staff.
- *Program Type:* Public, administered by the Kentucky Arts Council



### Centers of Excellence and Quality

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Development, will identify at least one Early Childhood Center of Quality in each of the 11 Special Education Cooperative Regions in response to stakeholder recommendations for statewide services to deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired students. The Early Childhood Centers that achieve this distinction will serve as models of practice for other districts in the region through on-site consultation, mentoring and presentations at state, regional and national conferences.

### Children Ready to Read for Health/Reach Out and Read (ROAR)

- *Program Summary:* Children Ready to Read for Health/Reach Out and Read works with pediatric health care providers including local health departments, pediatricians, and family practice providers to help raise pre-reading skills among young children of low income, so they begin school ready to learn.

This program promotes language and literacy by giving parents guidance about reading aloud to their children and providing developmentally appropriate books to take home at each pediatric well-child visit at ages 6 months to 5 years. Age appropriate books and parental advice is given by nurses and doctors who have been trained by the program's coordinator.

The program provides ongoing technical assistance in the implementation of this early literacy program. Early reading has been shown to improve children's ability to express themselves verbally, increase listening vocabularies, and reduce language delays. Reading difficulty contributes to school failure, which increases the risk of absenteeism, leaving school, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, and teen-age pregnancy, all of which perpetuate the cycles of poverty and dependency.

- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Public Health
- *Funding source:* Tobacco Settlement Fund<sup>1</sup>
- *Funding amount:* \$225,000
- *Children Served:* 33,427 annually
- *Books Distributed:* 56,534 annually
- *Current ROAR Sites:* 76 sites in 42 Counties, at local health departments and pediatric and family practice facilities.
- *Application process at Reach Out and Read National Web site:* [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org); go to Health Care Providers, then Starting a Program. The Kentucky initiative coordinator will be notified by National Reach Out and Read and be in contact about training and book funding.
- *Web site:* [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, funding amounts were taken from State Fiscal Year 2009 projected expenditures.



## Commission on Philanthropy

- *Program Summary:* The commission will initially focus on early childhood education and child health. As part of its mission, the group held a Summit on Philanthropy in October 2009, to engage Kentucky's philanthropic interests in dialogue about issues facing the state's youngest citizens. The goal of the commission is to leverage private resources for the public good and

and to foster public-private partnerships for the long-term future of Kentucky's children.

- *Program Type:* Public/Private Partnership
- *Funding Source:* Private donations
- *Web site:* <http://www.kyphilanthropy.org>

## \*Community Early Childhood Councils (CECC)

- *Program Summary:* Improve the quality and availability of child care, especially in low-resource or high-need areas. CECCs are a vehicle to gather community support for important children and family issues. CECCs provide a mechanism for attracting and assessing the unique local early care and education needs of a community.

Furthermore, CECCs may apply for additional resources to meet these needs, as well as afford citizens the opportunity to provide input to state policy makers and planners. KIDS NOW has designated a CECC service area as being no smaller than a county, with counties having the option to partner with other counties to form a council.

- *Program Type:* Public/Private partnership
- *Budget:* \$1 million
- *Funding Source:* Master Tobacco Settlement Fund
- *Web site:* <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Early+Childhood+Development/Community+Early+Childhood+Councils.htm>



## Early Childhood Business Council

- *Program Summary:* Involve the corporate community, county judge/executives and mayors in supporting issues of importance to working families with young children in the commonwealth; and to collect and disseminate information about the various ways business and local government can become involved in supporting early childhood development.
- *Program Type:* Public, attached to the Division of Early Childhood Development
- *Budget:* \$50,000
- *Funding Source:* Master Tobacco Settlement Fund
- Early Childhood Business Council is currently inactive.

## Early Childhood Services for Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- *Program Summary:*

The **Kentucky School for the Deaf (KSD)** has an Early Childhood Program with locations throughout the state with teachers providing consultation, early intervention home visits, and preschool classes (not residential) as determined by the needs of each region. Founded in 1823 as the first state-supported school for the deaf in the United States, KSD is dedicated to providing quality education to Kentucky's deaf and hard of hearing students birth to 21 years of age. KSD encompasses the Statewide Educational Resource Center on Deafness as established by the Kentucky General Assembly. Outreach services include consultation, curriculum evaluation, program planning, and professional development activities.

*Web site:* <http://www.ksd.k12.ky.us>

The **Lexington Hearing and Speech Center** is a private agency serving deaf, hard of hearing, and speech and language delayed individuals. The center is approved as a Kentucky Preschool Vendor for public school contracts and is partially funded by the United Way. The center continues to provide services to infants and children with hearing loss, including early identification of hearing loss, preschool and kindergarten educational programs and complete, on-site hearing services.

*Web site:* <http://www.lhscopy.org>

The **Heuser Hearing and Language Academy** established its Hearing Services Center to provide comprehensive, in-depth services related to diagnosis/evaluation, intervention/rehabilitation, amplification and listening devices/other technology, medical services and research regarding hearing loss for adults and children.

*Web site:* <http://www.thehearinginstitute.org>

The **Kentucky Deaf-Blind Project (Kentucky School for the Blind)** serves individuals from birth to 22 years of age. The program provides training and consultation to families and service providers of persons with deafblindness to lead toward full community integration. In-service training is provided. Project coordinators consult with the faculty of state universities on providing pre-service training on the topic of deafblindness.

*Web site:* <http://www.deafblind.com/usa.html#Kentucky%20Deaf-Blind>

## Early Childhood Development Authority

- *Program Summary:* The authority makes recommendations to the legislature regarding Master Tobacco Settlement Fund allocations for early childhood programs under the KIDS NOW initiative. It was created to build upon existing resources,



foster public-private partnerships, and ensure collaborative planning and implementation. The authority mobilizes communities to support and strengthen families, assures that all children grow and develop to their full potential, provides high quality, accessible, affordable early care and education options, and promotes public awareness of the importance of the first years for the well-being of all Kentucky's citizens.

The authority was designated to receive and disburse funds and coordinate the

development of programs supported by the funds and the business council, which involves the corporate community and local governments in supporting issues of importance to working families in Kentucky. To ensure effective use of funds in achieving targeted outcomes across settings statewide, on-going evaluation of the early care and education components of the initiative is completed annually. This body operates under KRS 200.703.

- *Program Type:* Public
- *Funding Source:* Master Tobacco Settlement Fund
- *Budget:* \$25,564,903
- *Web site:* <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Early+Childhood+Development/Early+Childhood+Development+Authority.htm>

## Early Childhood Professional Development Council

- *Program Summary:* Work with existing entities to develop an early care and education credential system to attract and retain providers of early childcare and education services. The council is also tasked with working to develop a seamless system of professional development beginning with entry-level employment in early child care and education and proceeding through a master's degree-level program.
- *Program Type:* Public, in collaboration with the Council on Postsecondary Education.
- Work of the Early Childhood Professional Development Council sunsetted June 2004. Council is currently inactive.

## \*Early Head Start

- *Program Summary:* The Early Head Start (EHS) program is for low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families. Early Head Start programs enhance children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development; assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care; support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and help parents move toward self-sufficiency.
- *Program Type:* Public
- *Funding Source:* Federally funded
- *Web sites:* [www.khsa.org](http://www.khsa.org) and <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Early%20Head%20Start>

## Even Start Family Literacy

- *Program Summary:* Programs provide intensive family literacy services that integrate learning activities for parents and children, help parents to become active partners in their children's education, and help children achieve a high level of success in school and life. Even Start offers educational opportunities to families most in need, as defined by levels of literacy, income, poverty, English as Second Language, and other related factors.
- *Program Type:* Public
- *Funding Source:* Federal, Title I program, subpart 3
- *Funding Amount:* FY2008 \$941,019
- *Web site:* <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Literacy/Kentucky+Even+Start/>



## Faith Based Organizations and Community Initiatives

*Program Summary:* Religious leaders and organizations, state and regional bodies, and local congregations, leaders and lay people play an integral role in helping children develop physically, mentally and emotionally.

Religious and community organizations are indispensable to building community involvement and providing various social service programs that meet the needs of their community. For example, the United Way of Kentucky ([www.uwky.org](http://www.uwky.org)) and the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts ([www.kcadd.org](http://www.kcadd.org)) are agencies that provide information on local community programs.

*Program Type:* Non-profit and private programs

## \*Head Start

- *Program Summary:* Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. They engage parents in their children's learning and help them in making progress toward their educational, literacy and employment goals. Significant emphasis is placed on the involvement of parents in the administration of local Head Start programs.
- *Program Type:* Public
- *Children Served:* 16,070
  - 32 Head Start programs serving preschool age children
  - 12 Early Head Start programs serving 0-3 year olds and pregnant women
  - 456 Head Start Centers with 1,119 operated by Head Start
  - 3,328 staff
- *Funding Source:* Federally funded
- *Funding Amount:* \$108,290,595
- *Web sites:* [www.khsa.org](http://www.khsa.org) and <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/About%20Head%20Start>

## \*Healthy Babies Campaign

- *Program Summary:* To plan and implement a public awareness/education campaign about fetal alcohol syndrome, the impact of substance abuse on pregnancy and child-rearing, the importance of smoking cessation, and about healthy lifestyle choices that help babies to be born healthy.
- *Program Type:* Public
- *Funding Source:* Master Tobacco Settlement Fund
- Campaign developed in 2002. Radio and TV advertisements ran in 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008.

## Human Development Institute (HDI)

- *Program Summary:* The Human Development Institute is the University of Kentucky's Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service. The institute provides a strong foundation for more than 40 research, training and service projects, addressing a wide range of topics and issues in areas such as early childhood, education and alternate assessment, transition across the lifespan, employment, community living and personnel preparation.
- *Web site:* <http://www.hdi.uky.edu/Home.aspx>

## **Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA)**

- *Program Summary:* Works with public libraries in 119 counties to develop early childhood literacy programs.
  - Consultant provides assistance in program development and materials selection
  - Develops, provides and coordinates training for library staff in serving needs of young children.
  - Coordinates statewide initiatives such as Summer Reading Clubs and Prime Time Family Reading and provides grants for programming in local libraries.
- *Funding Source:* Federal (LSTA)
- *Children Served:* public libraries receiving service from KDLA provided assistance as follows: 152,720 infants/toddlers in 8,155 programs; 338,347 preschoolers in 18,882 programs
- *Web site:* [www.kdla.ky.gov](http://www.kdla.ky.gov)

## **Kentucky Early Childhood Data System (KEDS)**

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Early Childhood Data System is designed to provide a data system that will allow teachers and providers at the local level to implement high quality curriculum-based assessments that inform instructional and classroom practices yet provide data at the regional/district and state level on the extent to which children are meeting the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards and Office of Special Education Program Child Outcomes.
- *Program Type:* Public/Private partnership
- *Funding Source:* Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B 619 funds.
- *Funding Amount:* FY2008-2009 \$220,000
- *Web site:* <https://www.kedsonline.org/>

## **Kentucky Head Start Collaboration Office**

- *Program Summary:* The Head Start Collaboration Office is tasked with enhancing collaboration and coordination of Head Start services with other state early care and education programs.
- *Program Type:* Public, the Head Start Collaboration Office is located in the Division of Early Development in the Kentucky Department of Education.
- *Funding Source:* Federally funded
- *Budget:* \$175,000

## **Kentucky Initiative for Social Skill and Emotional Development (KISSED)**

- *Program Summary:* Kentucky Initiative for Social Skill and Emotional Development provides annual training and technical assistance to build early childhood programs' capacity to deliver practices known to promote social and emotional competency. The initiative is based on the three tiered Positive Behavior Support model that teaches educators to both prevent and intervene with challenging behaviors.
- *Program Type:* Public
- *Funding Source:* Federal IDEA Part B 619 funds.
- *Funding Amount:* 2008-2009 \$90,000

## **Kentucky Partnership for Early Childhood Services**

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Partnership for Early Childhood Services is a multi-project consortium housed at the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute. The partnership's goal is to provide research, training and outreach to support and enhance quality early care, intervention and education.
- *Program Type:* Public/Private partnership
- *Funding Source:* Services are provided through a variety of state and national grants and contracts.
- *Web site:* <http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/Home.aspx>

### \*Kentucky Preschool Program (KERA Pre-K)

- *Program Summary:* Kentucky's preschool education programs are available for all four-year-old children whose family income is no more than 150 percent of poverty; all three- and four-year-old children with developmental delays and disabilities, regardless of income; and other four-year-old children as placements are available based on district decision.

The preschool program is designed to be developmentally appropriate for young children. Developmentally appropriate is defined in law to mean that the program focuses on the child's physical, intellectual, social and emotional development, including interpersonal, intrapersonal and socialization skills.

- *Program Type:* Public
- *Children Served:* 20,143
  - 4,301 – 3 year olds
  - 15,842 – 4 year olds
- *Funding Source:* State and Federal
- *Funding Amount:*
  - \$75.1 million (State legislature allocation for 2007-2008 preschool program)
  - \$5.9 million (Flexible Focus funds used by local districts for preschool program)
  - \$14.7 million (Additional district general funds for preschool program services)
  - \$4.4 million (Title I funds used locally to support preschool program)
  - \$10.2 million (IDEA Part B funds for serving preschool children with disabilities)
- *Web site:* <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Preschool/>

### \*Kentucky Private Preschool Programs

- *Program Summary:* Private Preschool Programs consist of licensed child care providers with professionally trained adults that focus on learning and development, encouraging and supervising educational play, as well as enabling parents to work or pursue other activities. For more information on specific programs, please visit the resource Web sites below:



- Kentucky Division of Regulated Child Care: <http://chfs.ky.gov/os/oig/drcc.htm>
- Kentucky Partnership for Early Childhood Services, Child Care Resource and Referral Agency office listing: <http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/General/About/ccrr/ccrr.aspx>

### **\*Literacy Education and Awareness Program (LEAP)**

- *Program Summary:* LEAP is supported by the Madison County Public School's general fund and a \$35,000 outreach grant from the Steel Reece Foundation. The county is applying for a second-year grant to develop a pre-K plan for 2011-2012 and provide two full-service clinics at the schools. About 700-800 children participate, but an estimated 300-400 more could be served if identified in this very transient community.

### **Preschool Regional Training Centers (RTCs)**

- *Program Summary:* As defined in KRS 157.318, the Early Childhood Regional Training Centers provide a range of services for the state-funded preschool and early childhood community including regional trainings/workshops, on-site consultations, a lending library and annual statewide and regional collaborative institutes.
- *Program Type:* Public
- *Funding Source:* Federal IDEA Part B 619 funds
- *Funding Amount:* FY2008-2009 \$1,264,400

### **Prime Time Family Reading Program**

- *Program Summary:* In partnership with the Kentucky Humanities Council, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) sponsors this family literacy program designed to unite families and increase early literacy.

Prime Time Family Reading is a six-week reading, discussion and storytelling program held in public libraries. A university scholar and a storyteller conduct weekly sessions based on award winning children's picture books. Low-literacy, low-income parents are trained in reading to their children and discussing the book with their child. Skills in selecting materials are taught and library usage encouraged. Public libraries are invited to apply for grants with approximately 15-20 being selected from across the state.

- *Funding Source:* Federal grants to KHC (We the People) and KDLA (\$40,000 in LSTA funds)
- *Children Served:* Since 2008, 1,102 families have participated in 42 counties.

## Public Library Service for Preschoolers

- *Program Summary:* Public libraries serve 119 counties – each with unique programs to serve the needs of preschoolers including:
  - Lap sit and preschool story times that provide reading enrichment activities for children and train parents in skills for reading to their children
  - Outreach activities for head starts and day care centers including the delivery of materials and story times
  - Collections of materials designed for preschoolers
  - Summer reading clubs
- *Funding Source:* local and state through the KDLA
- *Children Served:* 152,720 infants/toddlers in 8,155 programs; 338,347 preschoolers in 18,882 programs

## State P-16 Council

*Program Summary:* The Kentucky Board of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education formed the state P-16 Council to improve cooperation and communication among elementary, secondary and postsecondary education.

*Web site:* <http://www.cpe.ky.gov/committees/p16/>

## Strong Start Kentucky: Quality Pre-K for Every Child

- *Program Summary:* Making high-quality preschool available to every Kentucky child is the goal of Strong Start Kentucky: Quality Pre-K for Every Child, an initiative of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and a growing coalition of partners. Strong Start Kentucky is a nonpartisan, citizen-led effort to ensure that every child has the opportunity to receive the highest-quality education possible.

Working with parents and policymakers in partnership with leaders from early childhood, business, education, religion and health care, efforts are focused on giving Kentucky's children a strong start in both public and community-based programs through a collaborative delivery model.

- *Program Type:* Non-profit
- *Web site:* <http://www.prichardcommittee.org/StrongStart/tabid/32637/Default.aspx>



### **\*Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Inc. (VIPS)**

- *Program Summary:* The mission of Visually Impaired Preschool Services, Inc. (VIPS) is to offer appropriate services to infants, toddlers and preschoolers who are visually impaired or blind and to their families; to maximize each child's development potential through direct services, advocacy, and community education.

VIPS provides a variety of programs and services. VIPS serves blind or visually impaired infants, toddlers and preschoolers who live within a 50-mile radius of Louisville, including several counties in Southern Indiana, through the VIPS-Louisville Office. Children who live in central Kentucky within a 50-mile radius of Lexington, are served by the VIPS-Central KY Office. VIPS also has an Outreach Program to serve children and families who reside in other areas throughout Kentucky.

- *Children Served:* 270 in 2008, 199 through Louisville VIPS and 71 through Lexington VIPS
- *Funding Source:* non-profit
- *Funding Amount:* Louisville VIPS: \$1,021,261  
Lexington VIPS: \$184,619
- *Web site:* <http://www.vips.org/index.php>

# Health and Social Services Programs

\* Note: The Task force heard testimony from programs preceded by an asterisk.

## Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs)

- *Program Summary:* The 15 designated regional Children's Advocacy Centers are designed to promote the well being of children while facilitating the most effective investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases. CACs provide (or have a referral mechanism in place for) the following services to their region:
  - Multidisciplinary team investigations;
  - Forensic interviews;
  - Mental health services;
  - Specialized child abuse medical examinations;
  - Advocacy;
  - Court preparation and advocacy; and
  - Public and professional training.
- *Funding Source:* State General funds and Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$2.1 million for 2010
- *Children Served:* Approximately 4,600 children annually ages 0 – 17 years
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services– Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* [http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dvpr/ca\\_default.htm](http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dvpr/ca_default.htm)

## \*Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

- *Program Summary:* This program helps parents pay for child care services from licensed, certified or registered child care providers. A parent must need child care to:
  - Allow the parent to work. Income must be within 150 percent of the federal poverty level.
  - Allow a parent receiving benefits under the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP) to participate in the Kentucky Works Program.
  - Protect the child from abuse or neglect or to prevent abuse or neglect.
  - Allow a teen parent to attend high school.
  - Allow a working parent to participate in education or vocational training.
  - Allow a parent to participate in student teaching practicum or internship.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant, Transfer from Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant, State Match (General and Tobacco Settlement Funds)
- *Funding Amount:* \$130 million
- *Children Served:* Approximately 43,000 per month; 73,000 annually
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services– Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/>

## Child Care Health Consultation for Healthy Start in Child Care

- *Program Summary:* Child Care Health Consultation Program (CCHC) provides targeted consultation and education to licensed child care centers and certified family homes on health, safety, nutrition, and social/emotional issues.

Beginning July 1, 2010, the CCHC will support a total of 8-12 full-time child care health consultants across the state at local health departments, in addition to the CCHC Technical Assistance & Training Center at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department. The CCHC Technical Assistance Center launched a new statewide Child Care Health Consultation Helpline, 1-877-281-5277, in January 2010. This helpline, staffed by the child care health consultant technical assistants/trainers, will act as a triage point and give the proper phone consultation to child care providers, and refer them to the local CCHC consultant if needed.

Consultants and the Technical Assistance Center will focus targeted interventions including consultation and education to child care providers needing assistance: (1) due to needs identified in licensure or STARS inspections, (2) on referral from the CCHC Helpline, (3) during outbreaks in the area, (4) at the request of any child care (5) to assist child care centers in improving their STARS rating.



Consultants work closely with early childhood specialists to make appropriate referrals to community mental health professionals and collaboratively with Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Community Early Childhood Councils, Office of Inspector General, STARS for KIDS Now Program, and other community early childhood partners to enhance the health, safety, nutrition, and social and emotional well being of children throughout the state.

Upon hiring, the consultants are trained based on a national model for CCHC (5 days) and must obtain and maintain an Early Childhood Trainer's Credential (initially a total of 3 days).

- *Funding Source:* Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$640,100
- *Children Served:* CCHC's focus is certified and licensed child care providers, approximately 3,000 providers statewide.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch/ecd/healthystart.htm>

### **\*Child Care Provider Licensure**

- *Program Summary:* This service provides for the licensure and regulation of child care centers and certified family child care homes.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant, State Match (inclusive of General Fund, Tobacco Settlement Funds, and provider fees)
- *Funding Amount:* \$6.8 million
- *Children Served:* There are approximately 2300 licensed child care centers and 740 certified family child care homes in Kentucky.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Office of Inspector General in partnership with the Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/os/oig/drcc.htm>

### **\*Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs)**

- *Program Summary:* Per KRS 199.892, the Kentucky network of nine Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R's) serve the 15 regional area development districts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
CCR&Rs work to improve child care in Kentucky through coordinating services to help families' access early care and education and school-age child care options. CCR&R services include parent referrals, training, technical assistance and professional development opportunities to child care providers, employers and the community.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Child Care and Development Funds, Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$5.4 million
- *Children Served:* In 2009, there were:
  - 8,172 parent referrals;
  - 3,550 trainings provided for 46,547 trainees;
  - 4,940 technical assistance; and
  - 3,288 library usages.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Community Based Services, Division of Child Care
- *Web site:* [www.kentuckypartnership.org/General/About/ccrr.aspx](http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/General/About/ccrr.aspx)

## Child Protective Services

- *Program Summary:* Child protective services include the intake, acceptance or referral, investigation or assessment, and interventions of reports alleging child abuse, neglect and dependency.
- *Funding Source:* Social Services Block Grant, Basic State Grant under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Federal Children's Justice Act Frant, State General Funds, and Agency Restricted Funds (derived from Medicaid)
- *Funding Amount:* \$91 million
- *Children Served:* During calendar year 2008, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services received 74,159 reports of child abuse, neglect or dependency and accepted 47,356 reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency for investigation or family-in-need-of-services assessment (FINSA).
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/>



## Child Support Enforcement Program

- *Program Summary:* The Child Support Enforcement Program provides assistance to custodial parents or legal guardians of minor children in obtaining financial support from a non-custodial parent. The program is based on federal and state regulations and laws which require the establishment of paternity, child support, medical support, location of non-custodial parents, collection and disbursement of support, and reimbursement of welfare benefits expended on behalf of children
- *Funding Source:* Federal Funds, State General Funds, and Agency Restricted Fund
- *Funding Amount:* In the 2009 state fiscal year, the program operated with \$53.9 million: 66 percent was federally funded, 28 percent was funded by the Agency Restricted Funds, and 6 percent was State General Fund.
- *Children Served:* In the 2008 Federal Fiscal Year, there were 334,514 children in 325,395 open child support cases in Kentucky.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Income Support
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dis/cse.htm>

## Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (KCLPPP) offers a comprehensive approach to preventing lead poisoning in children less than six years of age. KCLPPP provides a variety of secondary and primary prevention services including case management, medical and environmental services, epidemiologic studies, education and connections to other professionals and programs.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Grant through Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- *Funding Amount:* \$545,697
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Public Health

## \*Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs

- *Program Summary:* CCSHCN, through its 12 offices, provides care for children with physical disabilities and adults with hemophilia. Services include care coordination, hospitalization, surgery, laboratory tests and x-rays, medication, durable medical equipment, physical, occupational and speech therapies, hearing tests for newborns (i.e., Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program), and assistance with eye examinations.
- *Funding Source:* State General Funds, Federal Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and other federal funding, Agency Restricted Funds (insurance billings, Medicaid billings, Patient billings, dividends), and Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$16.8 million
- *Children Served:* 8,441
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/ccshcn/>



## Council on Developmental Disabilities

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) was authorized by Executive Order of the Governor, in accordance with Public Law 106-402, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.

The KCDD is comprised of 26 members, 16 of whom are appointed by the governor. The makeup of the KCDD is unique in that 60 percent of its members are individuals with developmental disabilities or are parents or guardians of individuals with disabilities. The remaining members are representatives of each major state agency that serves people with developmental disabilities in Kentucky.

The mission of the KCDD is to create change through visionary leadership and advocacy so that people have choices and control over their own lives. Current areas of emphasis include quality assurance, health, formal and informal community supports, education and early interventions, employment and transportation. KCDD does not provide direct services.

- *Funding Source:* Federal Developmental Disabilities Grant
- *Program Type:* Public, Attached for administrative purposes to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/kcdd/>



## \*Early Childhood Development Scholarship

- *Program Summary:* Non-repayable tuition scholarships are available for Kentucky citizens who are pursuing a Commonwealth Child Care Credential, child development associate, associate degree in early childhood education, bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary early childhood education or related program, or Director's Credential. Professional Development Counselors serve as guidance counselors for scholarship applicants and recipients.
  - The scholarship program consists of two scholarship types:
    1. The college scholarship program managed by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and the Division of Early Childhood; and
    2. Non-college scholarship component managed by the Department for Community Based Services-Division of Child Care.
  - In addition, scholars may be eligible for monetary incentive awards, such as the Related Educational Award (awarded at the end of each semester for a grade of C or better) and the Milestone Award, a monetary award upon completion of a credential and/or degree.
- *Funding Source:* Tobacco Settlement Funds, Agency Funds
- *Funding Amount:* Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority - \$1.6 million; Department for Community Based Services-Division of Child Care -\$312,000
- *Kentuckians Served:* The number of scholarships for last year totaled 2,457.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by KHEAA and DCBS in partnership with private providers
- *Web site:* <http://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/ecds?main=1> and <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/>

## Early Childhood Mental Health Program

- *Program Summary:* The Early Childhood Mental Health Program supports 14 early childhood mental health specialists statewide to provide: free consultation to early care and education staff, assessments to children age birth to five years with mental health needs, therapeutic treatment to children age birth to five years, collaborative efforts and consultation with local health and therapeutic providers, assistance to families in accessing resources, training, and community planning around early childhood mental health. Services are restricted to children in a licensed, certified or registered child care setting.
- *Funding Source:* Tobacco Settlement Funds (Payment for a child's treatment is dependent upon the child, but can be funded through Community Mental Health Program, Medicaid or a private source.)
- *Funding Amount:* \$765,000
- *Children Served:* Since 2002, the ECMH Program has served over 2,000 children by providing 12,500 direct clinical interventions and 14,838 consultations. Approximately, 400-500 children receive therapeutic treatment annually.
- *Program Type:* Public, Co-Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities and Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/Early%20Childhood%20MH.asp>

## \* Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSCs)

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers initiative was established with the passage of the Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) of 1990, as amended. The mission of these school-based centers is to enhance students' abilities to succeed in school by developing and sustaining partnerships that promote: early learning and successful transition into school, academic achievement and wellbeing, and graduation and transition into adult life. Each center has a unique blend of program components depending on location, available resources, local need and community input. The goal of the FRYSCs is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood served by the school in which the center is located.
- *Funding Source:* State General Fund
- *Funding Amount:* \$57 million
- *Children Served:* Local FRYSCs serve all children and families within the school community. If resources are limited, students and families who are the most economically disadvantaged shall receive priority status for services.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrcvs/frysc/default.htm>



### \* **First Steps: Kentucky's Early Intervention System**

- *Program Summary:* The First Steps program is Kentucky's response to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) of 2004. First Steps provides support and services to infants and toddlers (i.e., birth to age three years) with developmental disabilities and/or delays and their families.

Primary referral sources, families and other interested parties can access the First Steps program locally through 15 system points of entry covering the 15 Area Development Districts (ADDs). Services are available to any child and family who meet developmental eligibility criteria, regardless of income. A family's participation in First Steps services is voluntary. Child eligibility for the program is determined two ways:

- By developmental delay - A child may be eligible for services if an evaluation shows that a child is not developing typically in at least one of the following skill areas: communication, cognition, physical, social and emotional or self-help.
- Automatic entry - A child may be eligible if he or she receives a diagnosis of physical or mental condition with high probability of resulting developmental delay, such as Down syndrome.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Part C of IDEA, Agency Restricted Funds (derived from Medicaid), State General and Tobacco Settlement Funds, Family Share, and Private Insurance
- *Funding Amount:* \$40 million
- *Children Served:* Approximately 9,500, including children referred, evaluated and found not eligible
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/firstSteps/default.htm>

### \* Folic Acid Supplementation Program

- *Program Summary:* All local health departments (and six contract agencies, including three state universities) provide counseling on folic acid and supplements to all women of childbearing age who visit the departments. Use of folic acid by women of childbearing age can significantly reduce the incidence of spina bifida.
- *Funding Source:* Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$300,000 for FY2010
- *Children Served:* Approximately 76,000 women received folic acid counseling and supplementation in 2008 (and each year).
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch/cfhi/>

### \*Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS)

- *Program Summary:* HANDS is a voluntary, intensive home visitation program for overburdened first-time parents, regardless of income, and their first child prenatal to age two years. It is designed to improve both the health and social outcomes for the child.  
  
HANDS aims to achieve positive pregnancy outcomes, optimal child growth and development, children living in healthy and safe homes, and family decision-making and self-sufficiency.
- *Funding Source:* Agency Restricted Funds (derived from Medicaid) and Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$20,223,690
- *Children Served:* 11,200 families are served on average annually. Over 47,731 families have been served since the inception of HANDS.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch/eec/hands.htm>



## \*Immunization Program for Under-Insured Children

- *Program Summary:* The Immunization Program for Under-Insured Children greatly increases access to immunizations for under insured children who typically would not be eligible for federally funded immunization services. Children can receive immunization services through local health departments or a provider who is a part of the Kentucky Vaccines for Children Program.
- *Funding Source:* Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$2 million
- *Children Served:* Approximately 4,500 children annually
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/Immunization+Program.htm>



## IMPACT

- *Program Summary:* Kentucky IMPACT is a statewide program that creates partnerships to serve children with severe emotional disabilities (SED) and their families in their home, school and community. Children and youth with SED and their families work with a service coordinator who uses a strengths-based, highly individualized, and collaborative model of case management to assess strengths and needs across life domains (e.g., family, financial, living situations, education/vocational, behavioral/emotional, psychological, health, legal, safety).

The services are intended to help children function in their communities and avoid the need for higher

levels of care. A child or youth must be under age 18 years at the time of admission into the program, have a diagnosis of a psychiatric disorder, require service coordination, and present substantial limitations that persist for one or more years.

- *Funding Source:* State General Funds, Agency Restricted Funds (derived from Medicaid), and Mental Health Block Grant funds the IMPACT Outcomes Management System
- *Funding Amount:* \$5.1 million
- *Children Served:* Approximately 6,000 children/youth each year
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- *Web site:* <http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/KY%20Impact.asp>

## IMPACT Plus

- *Program Summary:* IMPACT Plus is a behavioral health program serving Medicaid-eligible children with complex behavioral healthcare needs who are most at risk for entry into state foster care and/or institutionalization. Services are intended to be short term.



The program ensures wrap-around services for eligible children and offers case management, individual therapy, group therapy, parent-to-parent services, therapeutic child support, after-school and summer programs, behavioral health intervention, crisis stabilization services, collateral services, day treatment services, intensive outpatient behavioral health services, partial hospitalization service, therapeutic group residential and foster care services.

- *Funding Source:* Agency Restricted Funds (derived from Medicaid)
- *Funding Amount:* \$24 million
- *Children Served:* Approximately 6,000 children/youth are served annually
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- *Web site:* <http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/IMPACT%20Plus.asp?sub5|sub68>

## Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free or low-cost health insurance for children. KCHIP is for children under the age of 19 years who do not have health insurance and whose family income is below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- *Funding Source:* Medicaid Funds and State Health Insurance Program Funds
- *Funding Amount:* Estimated \$23 million for State Fiscal Year 2009
- *Children Served:* Approximately 55,000 children were enrolled in KCHIP in June 2009
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Medicaid Services
- *Web site:* <http://kidshealth.ky.gov/en/kchip/>

## **Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Retardation and other Developmental Disabilities**

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Retardation and other Development Disabilities is established by KRS 210.575: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/210-00/575.PDF>.

Its mission is to provide the most flexible, effective and integrated system of quality supports and services to meet the educational, residential, vocational and social needs of all persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families.

The commission's 10-year plan includes prevention efforts, such as public education and initiatives to ensure that more children will be born healthy. This includes brain injury prevention, folic acid awareness, early intervention, and treating substance abuse in women of childbearing age. The other areas of the plan address choice, quality and access.

## **Kentucky Early Intervention System Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)**

- *Program Summary:* The Kentucky Early Intervention System Interagency Coordinating Council is established by KRS 200.658: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/200-00/658.PDF>.

Its mission is to:

- (1) maximize the potential of infants and toddlers (birth through two) having, or at risk of having, developmental delays;
- (2) do so through the development and implementation of a comprehensive statewide intervention system; and
- (3) provide services that are available as soon as it is possible to identify needs and services that are family centered, coordinated, community-based, normalized, accountable, culturally competent, individualized, accessible, quality, timely, interdisciplinary, and linked to services outside of the Early Intervention System.

## \*Kentucky Oral Health Program (KOHP) - Early Childhood Oral Health

- Program Summary:* KOHP has led the way to ensure that 96 percent of Kentucky's citizenry are on a fluorinated water supply. KOHP provides training to nurses, teachers, and the general public and has helped design and promote a curriculum for children in kindergarten through sixth grade (Kentucky Smile). Through the Early Childhood Oral Health, fluoride varnish is provided twice a year to prevent tooth decay in children. Additional local partnerships have helped link children with acute needs to restorative care.
- Funding Source:* Fluoride treatments are reimbursed through Medicaid. Approximately \$250,000 was paid to local health departments from Medicaid billing for this service for FY '09.
- Funding Amount:* \$23,000 goes to health departments to cover uninsured and underinsured children for varnish services.
- Children Served:* 2,000-3,000 children per month statewide are provided fluoride varnish.
- Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services- Department for Public Health
- Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/oralhealth.htm>



## Kentucky System to Enhance Early Development (KY SEED)

- Program Summary:* The Kentucky System to Enhance Early Development (KY SEED) is a cooperative effort to enhance the system of care for children age birth to five years who have social, emotional, and/or behavioral challenges, and their families. KY SEED builds upon the statewide IMPACT and the Early Childhood Mental Health programs to better meet the needs of children age birth to five years by increasing access to high quality, integrated services and supports in Kentucky communities. Implementation began in October 2009 with four Regional Interagency Councils for Services to Children with Emotional Disabilities serving Kentucky River, Salt River, Jefferson, and Bluegrass West communities. Statewide implementation will be accomplished by the final year of the grant.
- Funding Source:* Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, Children's Mental Health Initiative
- Funding Amount:* Up to \$9 million over six years
- Children Served:* Enrollment of children began on Oct. 1, 2009.
- Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- Web site:* <http://mhmr.ky.gov/kdmhmrs/default.asp>

## **Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP) & Kentucky Works Program (KWP)**

- *Program Summary:* These programs provide assistance to eligible children and families and offer supportive services to promote family self-sufficiency.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant and State Match
- *Funding Amount:* \$61 million
- *Children Served:* As of June 2009, there were 36,814 children receiving K-TAP.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/KTAP.htm>

## **Medicaid**

- *Program Summary:* Medicaid provides a wide scope of medical services to individuals who are aged, blind or have a disability; children in foster care; and family members who meet qualifying events and income guidelines. The program is administered in compliance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act and includes the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (EPSDT).
- *Funding Source:* Federal Medicaid and State Match, General and Restricted Funds
- *Funding Amount:* Claims for children in calendar year 2008 totaled \$1.3 billion.
- *Children Served:* Approximately 400,000 children were served in June 2009.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Medicaid Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm>

## Michelle P. Waiver (MPW)

- *Program Summary:* The Michelle P. Waiver is a home and community-based waiver under the Kentucky Medicaid program developed as an alternative to institutional care for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities. MPW allows individuals to remain in their homes with services and supports. To be eligible, an individual with a developmental or intellectual disability must meet the requirements for residence in an intermediate care facility or a nursing facility and meets financial eligibility requirements for Medicaid.
- *Funding Source:* Medicaid, State Match
- *Funding Amount:* Unknown (due to newness of program)
- *Children Served:* Unknown- This waiver became available to the public in July 2009.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid



## \* Newborn Metabolic Screening Program

- *Program Summary:* Kentucky law requires that all newborns receive screening before the newborn leaves the hospital. Kentucky screens for 29 core conditions – the full panel recommended by the American College of Medical Genetics and the March of Dimes. Components of this program include provider and parent education, laboratory screening, short-term follow-up, treatment and diagnosis, long-term follow-up, and program evaluation.
- *Funding Source:* Test fees, State General and Agency Restricted Funds
- *Funding Amount:* Approximately \$3.1M- Most of the funding is derived from restricted agency funds resulting from the charge to hospitals for performing the tests. State General Funds of \$133,400 are used in addition to the agency funds for the Newborn Screening Case Management and Specialty Follow-up program. The Foods and Formula program, which provides the specialized metabolic nutrition for these infants, is paid from agency funds collected from birth certificates issued, and annually is approximately \$250,000.
- *Children Served:* There are approximately 55,000 live births in Kentucky annually. In 2009, 719 infants had abnormal newborn screen results and required follow-up. Approximately 140 infants per year are confirmed to have disorders.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services- Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch/ece/newbornscreening.htm>

## Out-of-Home Care Services

- *Program Summary:* Out-of-home care services are provided to children who are dependent or maltreated and require a living arrangement alternative to their home of origin. They can include service to reunify a child with his/her home of origin or find other permanency options. Out-of-home care services include private and public foster care, pre-adoptive homes, relative care, and facility services. Placements are a result of a court order.
- *Funding Source:* Federal Title IV-E Foster Care grant, Title IV-B Child Welfare Services grant, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant; State General Fund; and State Restricted Funds (from Social Security Administration, Child Support, and Title V Rehabilitation)
- *Funding Amount:* Care and Support for 2009: \$184 million. Kinship Care--Care and Support for 2009: \$35 million. (This amount does not include personnel, training, operating costs and adoption subsidies.)
- *Children Served:* In June 2009, there were approximately 7,150 children in out-of-home care and 9,680 children in a Kinship Care placement.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Community Based Services in partnership with other public and private entities.
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/>



## Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

- *Program Summary:* The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a short-term nutritional intervention program designed to influence lifetime nutrition, health behavior and contribute to increased brain development in high-risk populations. WIC provides nutrition education, breast-feeding promotion and education, a monthly food prescription of nutritious foods, and access to maternal, prenatal and pediatric health-care services. To participate, WIC requires that clients have one or more documented nutritional risks and income less than or equal to 185 percent of the federal poverty level. Roughly 95 percent of all WIC participants are at income levels below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.
- *Funding Source:* The WIC Program is federally funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services
- *Funding Amount:* The WIC Program receives approximately \$113 million annually from USDA. Approximately \$30 million is received from a formula rebate contract. Approximately, \$20 million is allocated to the local health departments and two contracted agencies to provide services. \$100 million of the grant is for the benefits provided through the food prescription.
- *Children Served:* The number of children served on a monthly basis is 78,000.
- *Program Type:* Public, administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Department for Public Health
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch/ns/wic.htm>

### **\*STARS for KIDS NOW**

- *Program Summary:* This program is a voluntary, quality-based, graduated child care rating system for licensed child care and certified family child care homes. Providers who exceed minimum licensure standards can apply to be rated. Successful applicants who meet a STARS rating level are eligible for financial incentive(s).
- *Funding Source:* Federal Child Care and Development Fund Block Grant, Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$640,000
- *Children Served:* There are approximately 645 licensed child care centers and 106 certified family child care homes that participate in the STARS for KIDS NOW program.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* [www.starsforkidsnow.com](http://www.starsforkidsnow.com)



### **State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC)**

- *Program Summary:* The State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC) is a legislated council consisting of state agency representatives and a parent of a child with an emotional disability, that oversees coordinated policy development, comprehensive planning, and collaborative budgeting for services to children with emotional disabilities. SIAC oversees KY IMPACT and coordinates with other child-serving programs to help children with severe emotional disabilities in their homes, schools and communities. Regional (RIAC) and Local Interagency Councils (LIAC) help carry out the work of KY IMPACT on the regional and community levels.
- *Funding Source:* State General Funds; Mental Health Block Grant Funds
- *Funding Amount:* State General Funds = \$5 million to fund RIACs/LIACs and the KY IMPACT Program and \$35,000 to fund SIAC; Mental Health Block Grant - \$135,000 for IMPACT Outcomes Management System and \$25,000 for SIAC
- *Children Served:* N/A – SIAC is a council which provides support for all children in Kentucky who have an emotional disability.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- *Web site:* <http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/SIAC.asp?sub9>

## \* Substance Abuse Treatment for Pregnant and Post-Partum Women (KIDS NOW Plus)

- *Program Summary:* The goal is to identify and intervene with pregnant women who are using or at risk of using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Early intervention begins with a brief screening at a local health departments, private doctor practices, and community services. Brief intervention skills are used to refer women to KIDS NOW Plus or other appropriate community services. Prevention classes provide needed information on the effects of substance use on the developing baby. The highest risk women receive case management services designed to meet their individual needs with continued prenatal care and substance abuse treatment.
- *Funding Source:* Tobacco Settlement Funds
- *Funding Amount:* \$800,000-900,000 annually
- *Children Served:* The program is currently in eight Community Mental Health Centers which reach about half of Kentucky counties. Last year, 1,300 pregnant women received substance abuse prevention services. More than 400 women participated in roughly 8,500 project-funded case management services, inclusive of substance abuse treatment and mental health therapy. Birth outcomes were not substantially different from those in the general population, and the number of clients reached shows unusual success with this population that is traditionally hard to identify and engage.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- *Web site:* <http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhsas/Womens%20Services.asp>

## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



- *Program Summary:* This program provides food benefits to qualifying individuals and families.
- *Funding Source:* Federal SNAP funding and State Match
- *Funding Amount:* \$72.4 million (administration, service provision; federal and state matching funds); \$916M (benefits in 2009; 100 percent federal funds)
- *Children Served:* Nearly 711,000 individuals, adults and children, received SNAP benefits in June 2009.
- *Program Type:* Public, Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services-Department for Community Based Services
- *Web site:* <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dfs/foodstampsebt.htm>

## Well Child/EPSTD Preventive Health Care Program

- *Program Summary:* The Well Child/EPSTD Preventive Health Care program is delivered through local health departments within the commonwealth. This program promotes and safeguards the health and wellness of children by providing a comprehensive history and physical examination of children from birth to 21 years of age. Nursing assessments on children are performed by Certified Well Child Registered Nurses.

The certification process is provided through the Department for Public Health and in conjunction with approved preceptors. Direct preventive well child health services identify growth and development issues according to the standards recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and assist in appropriate early childhood development and school readiness. Services identify early dental problems, vision and hearing impairment and risk factors including obesity, and related poor nutrition which may lead to the development of future conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and bone disorders.

Additionally, these services reduce the incidence of disabilities and injuries by providing preventive specialized health services including immunizations, screening for lead poisoning, identifying risk factors leading to child abuse, neglect and child injury. Age-appropriate health education and anticipatory health care guidance, further diagnosis of health problems, appropriate referral services and community based education are integral components of these services.

Local health departments also collaborate with local school boards for the provision of pediatric preventive health services in the school setting with satellite clinics, promoting improved access to health care, health information and school services for school age children. The Division of Maternal and Child Health also partners with other agencies on suicide prevention activities.

- *Program Type:* Public ,Administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Public Health
- *Funding source:* Title V Maternal Child Health Grant and Agency Restricted Funds (derived from Medicaid)
- *Children served:* In 2009 74,789 Well Child/Preventive health examinations were provided, with an unduplicated 317,664 children served. In addition, child/adolescent preventive health services provided in a school satellite clinic totaled 1,113,318.
- *Web site:* [www.chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch](http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dph/mch)

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