

SCECCC STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2009

Our Vision

Bringing out the best in all young children!

Our Values

We believe that investing in the early years has the greatest impact on our children's future.

We believe that every child deserves. . .

- ◆ to live in a safe and nurturing environment
- ◆ to be treated with dignity
- ◆ to have access to quality health care and community resources
- ◆ an equal opportunity to succeed
- ◆ an advocate to give voice to needs and concerns

We believe that working in collaboration, we increase our power to affect change on behalf of young children and families.

Our Mission

The mission of Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council is to connect young children and families to resources by improving access to services, educating the community and speaking with a common voice.

Goals and Strategies to promote childhood wellness and to prevent negative outcomes for young children and their families:

1. CONNECTIONS among agencies are strengthened and expanded.

(Measures: increase in number and type of member agencies, number of hits on web site)

- a. Expand web site to include a community calendar for families and a shared training calendar for professionals (responsibility of Connecting Point staff – contact Cayla for any input).
- b. Develop a list serve to facilitate communication among members (responsibility of Connecting Point staff – contact Cayla for any input).
- c. Broaden member base by including law enforcement, EMS, etc..
- d. Involvement in strategic alliance for early childhood in Visioneering Wichita.

2. **Children in Sedgwick County demonstrate improved READINESS for school.**
(Measures: county results of kindergarten entry assessment conducted by KSDE)
 - a. Support plan to increase emergent literacy through community resources and funded partnership.
 - b. Support and advocate a system framework for sustainable universal Pre-K.
 - c. Promote best practices in all areas of early education among service providers.

3. **Families will have access to EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH services.**
(Measures: increased number of families with young children served by mental health services.)
 - a. Facilitate collaboration among providers.
 - b. Work with partners to improve access, awareness, quality and capabilities of services.
 - c. Support the increase capacity and quality of mental health services.

4. **Key community groups utilize the Council as a credible VOICE of early childhood in Sedgwick County.**
(Measures: number of media inquiries, number of references; representation on key boards, committees, etc.)
 - a. Educate and develop relationship with community stakeholders.
 - b. Be responsive to local, state, and federal legislative efforts affecting young children and families.