



April 15, 2010

Members of the Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee:

Per the request of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the Children's Cabinet submits the following cuts to the Children's Initiative Fund (CIF). Specifically, the Committee requested the Cabinet review outcome and accountability data to guide their decision-making process.

The CIF accountability framework, developed by the Children's Cabinet and The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service at the University of Kansas, is a dynamic and data-driven process that the Children's Cabinet uses to assess CIF programs. Each year funded programs are required to provide information about their level of evidence base, funding support, target population, quality of their evaluation, and level of outcomes measured. Findings are summarized in a briefing book and used by the Cabinet members to make funding recommendations.

This recommendation uses a weighted formula that takes into consideration the level of evidence base, the quality of evaluation, the level of outcomes measured, and if funds are considered as Federal match to leverage additional dollars into the State. Careful consideration was made to ensure the most fair and reasoned criteria were used.

The recommendation was presented to the Children's Cabinet and was approved to submit to this Committee. No alternative recommendations were put forth by Cabinet members.

The Cabinet wants to thank the Committee for the opportunity to be able to present this information. It is our hope that when the budget committees submit their recommendations and the legislature returns, they develop funding strategies that will avoid making cuts in programs funded by CIF. From early childhood to juvenile justice **all** of the programs can be credited with contributing to the optimal development of children in the state. The impacts of these cuts will be difficult to absorb, erode valuable progress in the health and education of children and will have negative consequences for children and families for many years to come.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Redmon or Melissa Ness at the Children's Cabinet.

Programs	Agency	FY11	Weighted Budget Cut*
Children's Cabinet Accountability Fund	KCCTF	\$541,802	\$184,213
Child Care Assistance Program	SRS	\$1,400,000	\$476,000
Child Care Quality Initiatives	SRS	\$500,000	\$95,000
Children's Mental Health Initiative	SRS	\$3,800,000	\$722,000
Early Childhood Block Grant - Autism	KCCTF	\$50,000	\$17,000
Early Childhood Block Grant	KCCTF	\$11,049,830	\$2,099,468
Early Head Start	SRS	\$3,452,779	\$310,750
Family Centered Systems of Care	SRS	\$5,000,000	\$1,200,000
Family Preservation	SRS	\$3,241,062	\$291,696
Healthy Start Home Visitors	KDHE	\$250,000	\$47,500
Infants & Toddlers	KDHE	\$5,700,000	\$513,000
Juvenile Graduated Sanctions Grants	JJA	\$5,214,186	\$990,695
Juvenile Prevention & Intervention Program Grants	JJA	\$3,785,814	\$908,595
Newborn Hearing Aid Loaner Program	KDHE	\$50,000	\$17,000
Newborn Screening	KDHE	\$2,219,766	\$421,756
Parents As Teachers	KSDE	\$7,539,500	\$1,055,530
Pre-K Pilot	KCCTF	\$5,000,000	\$950,000
SIDS Network Grant	KDHE	\$75,000	\$18,000
Smart Start Kansas	KCCTF	\$8,443,161	\$1,604,201
Smoking Cessation	KDHE	\$1,000,000	\$90,000
Totals		\$68,312,900	\$12,012,403

*Criteria were: level of evidence base, quality of evaluation, level of outcomes measured and if funds are used as Federal match to leverage additional dollars into the State.