



Growing Kentucky's Future

Kentucky's System to Enhance Early Development (KY SEED)

Who Are We?

Kentucky's System to Enhance Early Development (KY SEED) is a \$9 million, six-year cooperative agreement between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Kentucky Division for Mental Health and Substance Abuse to support Kentucky's further development of its system of care for children age birth to 5 who have social, emotional, and behavioral needs and their families.

Why is Early Childhood Mental Health Important?

Early childhood mental health supports the social, emotional, and behavioral well-being of children birth through five and their families.

- The current service system does not adequately meet the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of young children.
- Children with a solid foundation in early childhood are more likely to succeed socially, participate and thrive in school, and avoid substance use and other negative behaviors.
- Intervening early reduces the need for more costly services in the future.

What Are We Doing?

In addition to supporting the development of state and local infrastructure, KY SEED will enhance the existing service delivery system to better meet the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of children age birth to age 5 and their families by increasing access to high quality integrated services and supports in communities across Kentucky.

Who Are Our Core Partners?

- Division of Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Division of Maternal & Child Health
- State and Regional Interagency Councils
- Early Childhood Development Authority
- Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children
- Eastern Kentucky University
- REACH of Louisville, Inc.
- Division of Childcare
- Department of Education

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