

COMMUNITY ACTION LAB *Application*

We asked Kansas families from every corner of the state to share their stories of thriving or simply surviving. Over 2,200 raised their voices, and now we each have an opportunity to use the stories of our fellow Kansans to power local change. What can you do today to help ensure each child in your community has the best possible start in life?

Community Action Labs are an opportunity to act on the patterns and themes uncovered by the experiences Kansas shared through the Kansas Early Childhood Systems Building effort and the Our Tomorrows SenseMaker® tool. Community Action Labs will look different in each community and region based on collaboration with local partners.

GUIDING *Principles*

1. BIG IDEAS START WITH SMALL RIPPLES.
2. ANYONE CAN TAKE ACTION AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
3. STORIES AND FAMILIES' EXPERIENCES FUEL ACTION.
4. LOCALS KNOW BEST.
5. THERE ARE MANY PATHS TO OUR SHARED DESTINATION.

ACTIONABLES ARE...

QUICK. THINK OF FIRST STEPS.

LOCAL. YOU TAKE ACTION WHERE YOU ARE.

INEXPENSIVE. SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE UP TO \$2000.



The way Actionables look in your community is up to you! Community Action Labs are a safe space to try any off-the-wall ideas you've been wanting to try. There are no bad ideas, just ones that might not work. And that's okay! We won't know until we try.

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

REGION _____

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NAME OF ACTIONABLE _____

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

What quick, local, and inexpensive Actionable would you like to try?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO DO IT?

What part of hearing family experience in Our Tomorrows inspired your Actionable?
Was it a specific story? A conversation in a Sensemaking Workshop? Seeing the data?

WHO DO YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH?

Who do you want to participate in your Actionable?
Who could you partner with?

If you have any questions about the application or would like to discuss your Actionable with the Our Tomorrows Team, contact us at actionlabs@ku.edu