

KANSAS CHILDREN'S ISSUES

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TODAY'S ROADMAP

- **The Kansas Budget**
- **Children's Health Insurance**
- **Opportunities in 2018**

THE KANSAS BUDGET

- **Comprehensive tax reform**
- **New school finance formula**
- **Investments in young children**



MEANWHILE, IN WASHINGTON...

- The Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) both expired **September 30, 2017.**
- Massive tax cuts could threaten programs that serve children.



CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

- 95% of Kansas children are insured
- 256,000 insured by Medicaid
- 41,000 insured by CHIP
- 10,000 insured by the Marketplace

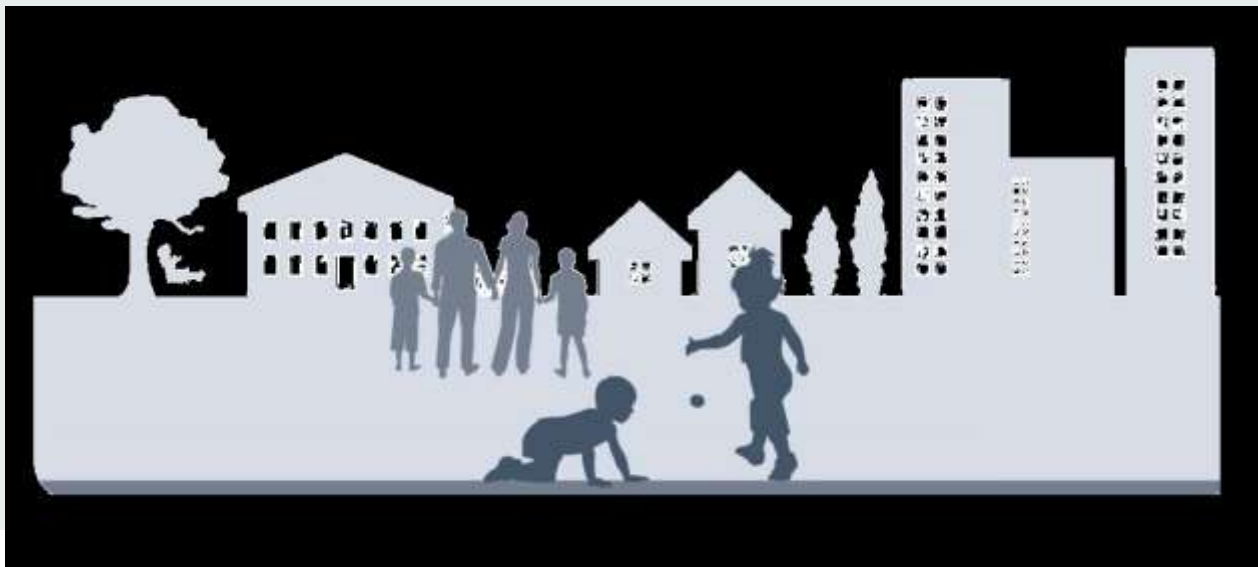


KANSAS OPPORTUNITIES IN 2018



INVEST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

GOAL: Policymakers will dedicate the *full* amount of tobacco settlement revenue to investments in early childhood programs. They will *not* securitize tobacco settlement revenue.



STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY NET

GOAL: Policymakers will strengthen programs like child care assistance so that they can serve more Kansans.



TO RECAP: TOGETHER, WE CAN...

- Keep improving Kansas' budget
- Protect health care coverage
- Win victories in 2018



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