

1990 Kansas Parent Education Statute K.S.A. 72-3603 et.seq.:

Passage authorized school districts and consortiums to operate a parent education program administered by the State Board of Education.

- Parents as Teachers, an evidence-based parenting education program, was adopted to provide parent education:
 - Available to all families with children prenatal through age 3 in participating school districts
- State General Funds (SGF) were allocated to the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) to administer PAT:
 - Local PAT programs match \$0.65 for every state \$1.00
- 1990 – 2008:
 - Funding provided through the State General Fund (SGF)
- 2008:
 - Funding moved from SGF to the Children’s Initiative Fund (CIF)
- 2008 – 2016:
 - CIF funds are transferred each year to KSDE to administer the funds in accordance with the State Board of Education:
 - Grant awards
 - Data reporting and compliance with state and national requirements
 - Evaluation reporting to the Children’s Cabinet annually
- Current level of CIF is \$7,237,635

Children’s Initiative Funds overseen by the Kansas Children’s Cabinet:

- The KEY Fund and CIF were created as a result of nationwide tobacco litigation in the late 1990s
- The settlement from that litigation provides \$1.6 billion to Kansas over a 25-year period
- Legislation passed in 1999 determined that the KEY Fund and CIF dollars would be used to support children’s programs
- The Kansas Children’s Cabinet is charged with overseeing the CIF and making recommendations for CIF spending
- Tobacco dollars received by the state go directly to the KEY Fund
- The KEY Fund serves as an endowment for the benefit of funding children’s programs
- Each year, a transfer is made to the CIF to support children’s programs

Legislative Efforts:

Since 2011, proposals have been introduced regarding Parents as Teachers:

- Serve only low-income families free and
- Require parents over a threshold, pay for services as follows:
 - 2011 Session for the FY 2012 budget year
 - 2013 Session for the FY 2014 and FY 2015 budget years
 - 2015 Session for the FY 2016 and FY 2017 budget years

In each legislative session, no changes were made to the Parents as Teachers services.

2017 Governor's budget recommendation:

- Move all CIF funding to SGF under the administration of KSDE
- Funded all CIF programs with SGF, except for PAT
- Redesign in PAT:
 - \$7.2 M in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) available to PAT to access for families under 200% of the federal poverty level
 - Charge families above 200% of poverty level approximately \$1000 per year per child

Current Legislative Actions and Efforts:

- Last week the House Appropriations voted to:
 - Keep the \$42 M CIF funds in the Children's Cabinet
 - Move \$7.2 M of CIF funds to the SGF
 - Backfill the CIF with \$7.2 M from TANF
 - Give the Children's Cabinet administrative authority of the CIF programs
 - The Children's Cabinet would have increased power to:
 - Decide what program(s) would use TANF
 - Authority to determine how to distribute the CIF
 - Determination of program requirements
 - KSDE would no longer act as the fiscal agent for PAT
- This week, the House debated the budget:
 - Rep. Carpenter offered a proviso to allow the Governor final authority of funding for the CIF programs. This proviso passed.
 - Rep. Winn introduced an amendment to ensure that PAT was not a

means-tested program

- 9 legislators spoke in favor of the amendment
 - 8 legislators spoke against the amendment
 - The amendment failed (Yea: 52, Nay: 69)
- This week in the Senate Ways and Means Committee:
 - Sen. Denning offered an amendment for the CIF programs to remain under the administration of the Children's Cabinet with Governor's final authority. This amendment passed.
 - Sen. Laura Kelly offered an amendment to keep PAT funded at \$7.2 M with CIF and a program for all families (no TANF). This amendment passed with unanimous vote.
 - This week the Senate debated the budget bill:
 - Sen. Masterson provided opening statements re: PAT
 - Ways and Means propose to fund PAT at \$7.2 M with CIF
 - Sen. Kelly introduced a technical amendment to clarify her amendment on PAT that had passed in the Ways and Means
 - The technical amendment passed with no debate and a unanimous vote

The House and the Senate Budget Bills passed this week:

- House Budget Bill:
 - Transfers back the CIF programs to the Children's Cabinet
 - Grants the Governor authority over final funding of CIF
 - Funds PAT with use of TANF and charging parents over 200% of poverty level
- Senate Budget Bill:
 - Transfers back the CIF programs to the Children's Cabinet
 - Grants the Governor authority over final funding of CIF
 - Funds PAT with \$7.2 M from CIF with no means testing
- Conference Committee:
 - Next week, the Conference committee will meet to resolve the differences in the bill

1990 Kansas Parent Education Statute 72-36:

In 1990, the Kansas State Legislature adopted the following statute to provide funding for a Parent Education program:

"Parent education program" for the purpose of providing expectant parents and parents of infants or toddlers or both with information, advice, assistance, resource materials, guidance and learning experiences regarding such measures as parenting skills and the various styles of parenting, the processes and principles of growth and development of children, home learning activities designed for infants and toddlers, techniques emphasizing a positive approach to discipline, effective methods of communicating and interacting with children so as to foster the development of self-esteem, strategies for structuring behavioral limits and increasing mutual positive regard, and other elements of effective parenting that are conducive to the structuring of a home environment in which children are encouraged to be successful and productive learners.

Article 36: Parent Education

Statutes:

- [72-3603: Parent education; definitions.](#)
- [72-3604: Development and operation of programs authorized; interlocal and cooperative agreements; contracts; grants of state moneys, application and eligibility requirements; reports.](#)
- [72-3605: Administration of act; powers and duties of state board; evaluation and approval of programs.](#)
- [72-3606: Grants to school districts for development and operation of programs; funding priorities; amount, limitation, proration.](#)
- [72-3607: Parent education program fund; establishment, sources, use.](#)
- [72-3608: Technical advice and assistance.](#)

[72-3601, 72-3602:](#) History: L. 1921, ch. 252, §§ 1, 2; R.S. 1923, 72-3601, 72-3602; Repealed, L. 1947, ch. 359, § 19; June 30.

[72-3603: Parent education; definitions.](#) As used in this act: (a) "Board" means the board of education of any school district. (b) "School district" means any public school district organized and operating under the laws of this state. (c) "Parent education program" means a program developed and operated by a board for the purpose of providing expectant parents and parents of infants or toddlers or both with information, advice, assistance, resource materials, guidance and learning experiences regarding such measures as parenting skills and the various styles of parenting, the processes and principles of growth and development of children, home learning activities designed for infants and toddlers, techniques emphasizing a positive approach to discipline, effective methods of communicating and interacting with children so as to foster the development of self-esteem, strategies for structuring behavioral limits and increasing mutual positive regard, and other elements of effective parenting that are conducive to the structuring of a home environment in which children are encouraged to be successful and productive learners. (d) "Infant" and "toddler" means any child under the age of eligibility for school attendance. (e) "State board" means the state board of education.

History: L. 1990, ch. 258, § 1; L. 2008, ch. 77, § 2; July 1.

72-3604: Development and operation of programs authorized; interlocal and cooperative agreements; contracts; grants of state moneys, application and eligibility requirements; reports. (a) The board of every school district may: (1) Develop and operate a parent education program; (2) enter into cooperative or interlocal agreements with one or more other boards for the development and operation of a parent education program; (3) contract with private, nonprofit corporations or associations or with any public or private agency or institution, whether located within or outside the state, for the provision of services which are appropriate to a parent education program; and (4) apply for a grant of state moneys to supplement amounts expended by the school district for development and operation of a parent education program. (b) In order to be eligible to receive a grant of state moneys for the development and operation of a parent education program, a board shall submit to the state board an application for a grant and a description of the program. The application and description shall be prepared in such form and manner as the state board shall require and shall be submitted at a time to be determined and specified by the state board. Approval by the state board of the program and the application is prerequisite to the award of a grant. (c) Each board which is awarded a grant under this act shall make such periodic and special reports of statistical and financial information to the state board as it may request. **History:** L. 1990, ch. 258, § 2; July 1.

72-3605: Administration of act; powers and duties of state board; evaluation and approval of programs. (a) The state board shall adopt rules and regulations for the administration of this act and shall: (1) Establish standards and criteria for reviewing, evaluating and approving parent education programs and applications of school districts for grants; (2) conduct a needs-assessment survey of school districts applying for grants; (3) evaluate and approve parent education programs; (4) establish priorities in accordance with the findings of the needs-assessment survey for the award of grants to school districts and for determination of the amount of such grants; (5) be responsible for awarding grants to school districts; and (6) request of and receive from each school district which is awarded a grant for development and operation of a parent education program reports containing information with regard to the effectiveness of the program. (b) In evaluating and approving parent education programs for the award of grants to school districts, the state board shall consider: (1) Prior experiences of school districts in the development and operation of parent education programs; (2) level of effort exhibited by school districts in the development and operation of parent education programs; (3) the amounts budgeted by school districts for the development and operation of parent education programs; and (4) the potential effectiveness of the parent education programs for which applications for the grant of state moneys are made. **History:** L. 1990, ch. 258, § 3; July 1.

72-3606: Grants to school districts for development and operation of programs; funding priorities; amount, limitation, proration. (a) (1) In the 1990-91 school year, to the extent that appropriations are available therefor, and on the basis of established priorities, the state board shall select for the award of grants of state moneys those school districts, not to exceed 100 school districts, which the state board determines to be most capable of developing and operating successful parent education programs. (2) In the 1991-92 school year, to the extent that appropriations are available therefor, and on the

basis of established priorities, the state board shall select for the award of grants of state moneys those school districts, not to exceed 200 school districts, which the state board determines to be most capable of developing and operating successful parent education programs. (3) In the 1992-93 school year and in each school year thereafter, to the extent that appropriations are available therefor, each school district which has developed and is operating an approved parent education program shall be eligible to receive a grant of state moneys. (b) The amount of a grant to a school district shall be determined by the state board in accordance with established priorities, but in no event shall such amount exceed the amount of actual expenses incurred by the school district in the development and operation of a program. If the amount of appropriations for parent education programs is insufficient to pay in full the amount each school district is determined to be eligible to receive, the state board shall prorate the amount appropriated among all school districts in proportion to the amount each such school district is determined to be eligible to receive.

History: L. 1990, ch. 258, § 4; July 1.

72-3607: Parent education program fund; establishment, sources, use. There is hereby established in every school district which has developed and is operating a parent education program for which grants are awarded under this act a fund which shall be called the parent education program fund, which fund shall consist of all moneys deposited therein or transferred thereto according to law. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all moneys received by the school district from whatever source for a parent education program operated under this act shall be credited to the fund established by this section. Amounts deposited in the parent education program fund shall be used exclusively for the payment of expenses directly attributable to the program. **History:** L. 1990, ch. 258, § 5; July 1.

72-3608: Technical advice and assistance. The state board in cooperation with the state department of social and rehabilitation services, the state department of health and environment, and other appropriate associations and organizations, may provide any board, upon its request therefor, with technical advice and assistance regarding the development and operation of a parent education program or an application for a grant of state moneys, and may make studies and gather and disseminate information regarding materials, resources, procedures, and personnel which are or may become available to assist school districts in the development and operation of parent education programs. **History:** L. 1990, ch. 258, § 6; July 1.