Healthy Kids Bright Futures lifts up families with children ages zero to three to build a strong foundation for children’s academic success. The project connects families to coordinated services while engaging them in building leadership in Healthy Kids Bright Futures and in their communities.

This collaborative and comprehensive project is focused on non-Early Head Start early care and education centers that serve families with limited income in communities that have the greatest need.

In Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri, there are more children who need care than available quality spaces in centers.

**Wyandotte County**
- Children under 6: 16,314
- Capacity of licensed child care centers: 3,442
- Quality Space in licensed centers: 948

**Jackson County**
- Children under 6: 53,541
- Capacity of licensed child care centers: 18,575
- Quality spaces in licensed centers: 4,034

(Source: Child Care Aware of America)

The project convenes a number of partners: Connections - Project Eagle, Melinda K. Lewis, Consulting, Mother & Child Health Coalition, Weighing In - A Program of Children’s Mercy Hospital, Mid-America Regional Council, The Family Conservancy, The Guardian Group and University of Kansas Medical Center, as well as early care and education centers in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri.

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