



Report for FY 2018

What is the Mission of the Alliance?

The mission of the tiny-k Alliance is to promote high quality services and sound public policy for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities, through advocacy, resource development and strategic partnerships (tiny-k.org).

What has the Alliance done this past year?

- Wrote a letter to Senators Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran regarding health care and the Graham-Cassidy Health Care Bill (September 2017).
- Wrote a letter to Chairman Hawkins and the Kansas House Health and Human Services Committee regarding the Telemedicine Bill – HB2512 (February 2018).
- The tiny-k Alliance developed, coordinated, and provided information (the content) for the legislative proclamations in both the Kansas House and Senate during the last session (if you recall the originals the proclamation documents were presented to KDHE at the Newton meeting) see: http://www.tiny-k.org/uploads/5/7/0/2/57020765/tiny-k_proclamation.pdf
- Provided information packets to all legislators regarding tiny-k programs and services (2018 legislative session).
- Developed, printed, and distributed tiny-k fact sheet (updated in 2018).
- Provided a weekly legislative update to all tiny-k programs during the 2018 legislative session.
- Provided support to the Rainbow's lobbying efforts for increased tiny-k funding. Ad Astra staff, under contract with the tiny-k Alliance, provided additional information, support, and made additional legislative contacts following the Rainbows initiative --this provided additional voices to the request for increase funding.

Why Membership Fees?

Membership fees support advocacy and the creation of a unified voice to achieve mutual benefit for all tiny-k programs. A focus of the Alliance is to specifically spotlight the work, accomplishments, and challenges of the tiny-k Programs in Kansas.

What do Membership Fees support?

Costs associated with the work of the tiny-k Alliance include:

- Reproduction of information materials (e.g. 1-page information sheet, information packets for legislators)
- Ad Astra Contract
- Board of Directors Insurance
- Banking/accounting costs

- Annual website hosting fee
- Website maintenance (in Ad Astra fee)
- Annual fee associated for filing required state corporation paper/report
- Annual costs associated with filing of tax reports (e.g. 1099, 1096 forms)

Are there other Sources of Income?

- Donations – tiny-k currently has a donor that helps support the work of tiny-k
- A very small income from Amazon purchases

What does Ad Astra do for tiny-k?

- Works with tiny-k to develop specific legislative priorities and goals;
- In consultation with tiny-k Board, supports the development of a legislative strategic plan each session;
- Provides one (1) legislative advocacy training prior to the 2019 legislative session, if requested;
- Generates legislative support for tiny-k priorities, including needed policy or budget changes;
- Assists tiny-k with messaging related to tiny-k brand, identity, and legislative priorities;
- Monitors legislative committees relevant to tiny-k priorities, with particular focus on those impacting tiny-k appropriations;
- Assists members with preparing and delivering legislative testimony;
- Provides counsel regarding the tiny-k's legislative activities and communications;
- Coordinates messaging and activities with other early childhood advocates, as appropriate, to support tiny-k goals; and,
- Communicates/reports regularly to the designated tiny-k liaison, including a weekly written update during the legislative session and as needed when the legislature is not in session.

How can you have a greater voice in the development of the tiny-k advocacy message?

- Volunteer to be a Board Member.
- Contact Board Members with specific recommendations/advocacy messages.
- Make suggestions at the annual meeting (generally held in conjunction with the spring meeting held in Newton).
- When tiny-k day is held in Topeka -- send representatives.
- Communicate with your local and state government representatives.