

**ADVISORY COUNCILS****2A. COMMUNITY EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCILS****SECTION 1. A new section of KRS Chapter 200 is created to read as follows:**

- (1) The family resource center and the child-care resource and referral agency in the service area shall form a community early childhood council and appoint members to the council for each service area designated under Section 2 of this Act. A council shall be composed of no fewer than seven (7) and no more than twenty-seven (27) members. Members may be appointed who represent local agencies and organizations, including but not limited to the organizations or agencies listed below, with no more than one (1) member from each:
- (a) Early childhood advocate;
  - (b) Faith community;
  - (c) School district;
  - (d) Family resource center;
  - (e) Military establishment;
  - (f) Head Start or Early Head Start;
  - (g) Child-care (profit, nonprofit, or family child-care);
  - (h) Child-care resource and referral agency or child-care subsidy agent;
  - (i) Child-care consumer or parent;
  - (j) County cooperative extension service;
  - (k) Department for public health;
  - (l) University, college, or technical school;
  - (m) United Way;
  - (n) Kentucky Early Intervention System;
  - (o) Agency administering services to children with disabilities;
  - (p) Home visitation agency;
  - (q) Family literacy agency;
  - (r) Civic organization;
  - (s) Public library;
  - (t) Regional training center;
  - (u) Community action agency;
  - (v) Government;
  - (w) Business community;
  - (x) Home schooling association;
  - (y) Health care professional;
  - (z) Foster care parent; or

- (aa) Adoptive parent.
- (2) Members shall serve on a community early childhood council on a voluntary basis and receive no compensation or expense reimbursement for their service.
- (3) (a) Members shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until their successors are appointed, except that for those members initially appointed, the terms shall be as follows:
  - 1. One-third (1/3) of the members shall be appointed for three (3) years;
  - 2. One-third (1/3) shall be appointed for two (2) years; and
  - 3. One-third (1/3) shall be appointed for one (1) year.
- (b) Vacancies shall be appointed for unexpired terms in the same manner as original appointments.
- (4) A community early childhood council shall collaborate with the District Early Intervention Committee, the Preschool Interagency Planning Council, and other existing interagency groups in the service area.
- (5) A community early childhood council may apply for a competitive grant from the authority, consistent with a state plan for grant participation as established by the authority. Grant proposals shall:
  - (a) Include a needs assessment and budget proposal for the respective service area served by a council;
  - (b) Not include administrative costs that exceed five percent (5%); and
  - (c) Contain a signed statement from each member of the council certifying that no program, agency, or individual that may receive part of an award would constitute a conflict of interest under KRS Chapter 11A for the council member. Issues concerning conflicts of interest shall be submitted to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission for resolution.
- (6) A community early childhood council shall submit a quarterly report to the authority that details the activities and services of the council, including the progress that the council has made toward addressing the early childhood development goals for its designated service area and recommendations that may be included in the state plan.
- (7) Any records that are in the custody of a community early childhood council, a designated service provider, or a grantee that contain personal and identifying information relating to a family or children receiving services through the council shall be confidential and not subject to public disclosure, except as otherwise authorized by law.