

K-State 105

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June K-State 105 newsletter

A message from the director

As we wrap up the first year of K-State 105, I wanted to reflect on our journey and share our future direction. It's been an incredible year of growth, learning and forging new connections across the state. But we're just getting started.

Our mission to drive economic prosperity in Kansas is ongoing, and we're building a sustainable framework for growth that will benefit Kansans for generations. While we've achieved much this year, we know there's more to do.

Our goal is to connect solutions for business support, entrepreneurship and economic growth. We also focus on workforce issues, healthy communities, child care, affordable housing, broadband connectivity and water issues, among many other elements that affect the 105 counties of Kansas. These challenges need ongoing attention to ensure our efforts are impactful and enduring.

So, here's to another year of growth, innovation and making a difference together. Thank you for being a part of this journey. Let's keep moving forward.

Warm regards,
Jessica Gnad
Director, [K-State 105](#)

Explore how K-State 105 projects are helping Kansas communities



As K-State 105 wraps up its first year of funding, the initiative continues working with partners on projects that advance economic prosperity in Kansas. The [K-State 105 website](#) features a closer look at multiple projects and highlights the partners and communities involved in these projects.

Read more about K-State 105 projects.

Meet the newest members of the K-State 105 team



Nidia López serves as the K-State 105 program coordinator. She has 21 years of experience in social work and nonprofit advocacy. Most recently, she worked for the Kansas Department of Labor and the Office of the Governor.



Greg Erickson serves as the K-State 105 data analyst. Greg was born and raised in Clay Center and earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Kansas State University. He previously conducted experimental research in neuroscience with a special emphasis on data analysis and statistical modeling.

Learn more about the K-State 105 team.

Upcoming events

Learn more about upcoming events from K-State 105 partners

First Friday e-Call: The future of housing supply

Friday, July 12 | Virtual

Speaker: Ben Winchester, rural sociologist

Partner: Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

Northwest Kansas Child Care Conference

Thursday, Aug. 1, and Friday, Aug. 2 | Hays

Partner: Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center Inc.

[Learn more about this event.](#)

First Friday e-Call: The seven essentials

Friday, Aug. 2 | Virtual

Speaker: Doug Griffiths, author of "13 Ways to Kill Your Community"

Partner: Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

First Friday e-Call: Global exporting and discovering new markets

Friday, Sept. 6 | Virtual

Partner: Kansas State University/K-State Research and Extension

[Learn more about this event.](#)

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