



KENT COUNTY LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Minutes

Kent County Local Board Meeting

September 18th, 2025

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Hybrid on Teams and KCLMB Office at 400 High St.

Attendance: Lauren Searce, William Webb, Claudia Wayne, Shelly Heller, Susan Berman, Brandy Barrett, Sherrie Young Hacket, Jill Coleman, Katie Dilley, Shelly Neal-Edwards

Board Member Share

Each board member shared their top priorities for FY2026

Upcoming Business

Rosemary shared a staffing update with Rachael Carmody's move to Queen Anne's County LMB.

Upcoming priorities for KCLMB: The ENOUGH Capacity Building Grant for FY26 is due on October 15th. Activities include publicizing the final Children's Agenda: Building Community Anew, building out its associated action plan, and building community leadership through a possible 'Reverse Citizen Academy' and continued energy around convening the non-profit sector.

Also the CRRF fund with goal to design and release an RFP by early November

And to present and discuss data trends before the next Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund application in March.

Everyday Canvassing Asset Mapping Activity

Mady Nadje and Jennifer Reyes presented the final six goals of the Children's Agenda: Building Community Anew. Please see slides below

Board Members broke into three groups to list existing assets related to the goals three overarching themes: Housing, Economic Mobility, and Education.

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Yo soy América

Kent County Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Kent County Celebra el **Mes de la Herencia Hispana**



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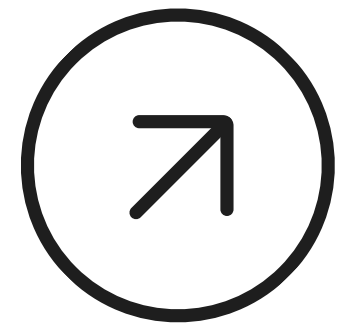


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KCLMB MEETING



SEPTEMBER 2025





WHAT WE'LL COVER TODAY:

- 3 minute partner shares
- Board business
- On the horizon
- Everyday Canvassing
- Final Children's Agenda goals
- Asset mapping

TAKE 3 MIN: PARTNER SHARING

Give us a glimpse into your day to day and where most of your energy is going.



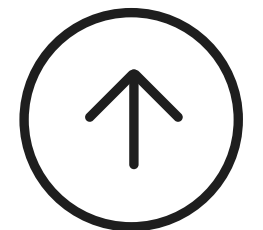
**NAME AND YOUR
ORGANIZATION OR
AFFILIATION**



**WHAT ARE THE TOP
PRIORITIES OR
INITIATIVES OF YOUR
ORGANIZATION?**



**WHAT ARE YOU
EXCITED ABOUT FOR
THE NEXT YEAR?**



TO DO:



- * **PUBLICIZE THE CHILDREN'S AGENDA AND BUILD ITS ACTION PLAN**
 - RFPs for building action plan by October

- * **BUILD CAPACITY AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIPS: REVERSE CITIZENS ACADEMY AND NON PROFIT CONVENINGS**

- * **DISBURSING CRRF FUNDS FOR GREATEST IMPACT**
 - RFPs Design RFP and release by November

- * **PRESENT AND DISCUSS DATA TRENDS BEFORE NEXT APPLICATION (MARCH 2026)**



CHILDREN'S AGENDA

BUILDING COMMUNITY ANEW (BCA)





Kids and Neighbors Organizing for Change in Kent

GOOGLE SITE

CANVASSING

Fall 2024

ANALYZING

Spring 2025

CONSENSUS BUILDING

Summer 2025



FINAL GOALS

Housing, Economic Mobility, and Education

1 BUILD MORE
HOUSING AND
SUPPORT RENTERS

2 BOOST LOCAL
TRADES AND
CAREER TRAINING

3 CREATE SAFE,
SUPPORTIVE, AND
HEALTHY SCHOOL
ENVIRONMENTS

4 EXPAND AFTERSCHOOL,
SUMMER, AND WEEKEND
ENRICHMENT FOR ALL
AGES

5 GROW OUR LOCAL
ECONOMY WITH
BUSINESSES WE
ACTUALLY NEED

6 SUPPORT STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES OF ALL
CULTURES, LANGUAGES,
AND ABILITIES

BUILD MORE LOW-INCOME HOUSING AND SUPPORT RENTERS



**Prioritize rental housing and
intergenerational, mixed-
income communities**



**Rental assistance, flexible
payment options, neighbor
to neighbor support**



BOOST TRADE SCHOOL AND CAREER TRAINING



Boost a local trade school/hands-on training program for youth and adults



Build after-school or weekend clubs around job skills like barbering, mechanics, digital design, or food prep



CREATE SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND HEALING CENTERED SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS



**Collaboratively learn
about and adopt
restorative practices
and mental health
supports**



**Develop anti-bullying
and peer mediation
with student-led
accountability**



EXPAND AFTERSCHOOL, SUMMER, AND WEEKEND ENRICHMENT FOR ALL AGES



**Ensure accessible and
diverse programs to meet
the needs and interests of
students**



**Partner with local
organizations to run
enrichment activities
year-round**



GROW OUR LOCAL ECONOMY WITH THE BUSINESSES WE ACTUALLY NEED



**Attract businesses that
meet real community needs
(not just fast food and dollar
stores)**



**Support small, homegrown
entrepreneurs**

SUPPORT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF ALL CULTURES, LANGUAGES, AND ABILITIES



Improve ESL tracking and support; establish family hubs with interpreters and cultural liaisons



Support professional development on autism, special ed, trauma, and cultural competency



ACTIVITY: ASSET MAPPING

Split into Three Groups

- List existing assets
- Name specific gaps

HOUSING (TEAMS)

rental options and supports and housing programs or resources for low income individuals and families.

ECONOMIC MOBILITY (IN PERSON)

programs, services, and resources for entrepreneurs, trades and career training, and tools to attract businesses to fulfill specific needs within the community.

EDUCATION (TEAMS)

Specific resources, services, programs, and staff for fostering strong school climate, increasing accessibility for different cultures, languages, and abilities, and all out of school time resources.



JOIN

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KENT COUNTY
LOCAL
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CONVERSATION

Share your ideas and perspectives on how to best reinvest in low income communities thanks to new funding from the Maryland Office of Social Equity.

**Wed 24 September
start at 6 PM**

**800 High Street
Chestertown, MD**



Dinner Discussion • Kids table with crafts

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ECONOMIC MOBILITY (IN PERSON)

Menu of services and incentives via KC Economic Development

- SCORE or other business mentoring

State Programs

- Apprenticeship programs
- MD Service Corp

Idea: private partnerships like Paul Mitchell Cosmetology offer local certificates

Social Services

- Temporary Cash Assistance programs (classes, transportation budget, seed capital to start own business)

Chesapeake College

- mobile welding lab
- high school job/trades staff to link students

Salisbury Airport trains for Airport Mechanic

KCHS CTE : small engine mechanic, nursing, construction, culinary, teaching

Innovation Plant

- Commercial Kitchen
- Hip Hop Time Capsule was trades focused this year

Lions Club apprenticeship program