IRIS

Growing a Connected Network Around Families

PAASSS GRUNDY KENDALL

As of 1/1/2026

18
FAMILIES

Individuals who were the subject of at least one referral in IRIS.

29
REFERRALS

Many families were involved in multiple referrals

71.4%
CLOSED

The referral communication loop was fully closed

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OUR STORY

The **Plano Area Alliance Supporting Student Success (PAASSS)** has officially launched the **Grundy-Kendall Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) Network**, connecting local agencies to streamline family referrals and strengthen coordination across the region. IRIS is a secure, web-based tool that helps service providers make and track referrals, ensuring families receive **warm handoffs**, faster access to services, and better continuity of care.

Partners from Region 24 continue our mission with 18 family referrals facilitated, with successfully closed. The network now includes 50 partner agencies in Grundy and Kendall Counties.

OUR VISION

To support families in Region 24, community partners will work together to build a supportive, accessible, and inclusive system where all families have resources that they need to thrive in their community.

REGION 24 IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

This quarter, our network grew to **46 partners**, welcoming **six new partners** and maintaining strong engagement with **16 partners actively using the IRIS System**. Partners in the education sector led referral activity, with **Grundy County seeing the highest volume**, while the network continued to meet community standards with an **average response time of 4.3 days**. collaboration across sectors remained strong in connecting families to needed supports. Great work Region 24!

MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Multifactor authentication (MFA) has officially launched as of January 21, 2026, to better protect your data! All users will complete a one-time setup using an authenticator app on a mobile device, with a quick verification code required once per week. If you have not done so already, download an authenticator app and review the MFA setup guide. Need help or have staff without mobile access? Contact IRIS Support at **irisadmin@ku.edu**.

PAASSS Grundy/Kendall Sector Spotlight

Early Childhood
Education Services and Programs for Young Children

REGION 24 EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERS

- **Arukah Institute of Healing**
- **Child Care Resource and Referral**
- **Coal City Community Unit School District**
- **Early Intervention/Child & Family Connections #15**
- **Easterseals Jump Start Parenting Program**
- **Family Focus Aurora-Parents as Teachers Program**
- **Fox Valley Family YMCA**
- **Fox Valley Family YMCA's, Early Learning Academy**
- **Grundy County Special Educations Cooperative**
- **Grundy/Kendall ROE #24-McKinney-Vento**
- **Grundy/Kendall ROE #24-Truancy**
- **Morris Preschool**
- **Plano Area Special Education Cooperative**
- **Plano CUSD 88 – P.H. Miller**
- **Saratoga Elementary School**
- **South Wilmington Grade School**
- **United Way of Grundy County**

Explore the many ways that Region 24 Partners can connect by reviewing the "Partner Organizations" tab and refining the search for "Early Childhood".

CROSS-SECTOR REFERRAL GROWTH – A HISTORY OF COLLABORATION

The first 100 IRIS referrals occurred in the Southeast Kansas IRIS network during the initial piloting of the system. During three months in early 2017, four Resource Navigation organizations made 100 referrals to three Early Childhood and one Maternal and Child Health organization. This initial adoption, driven by a resilient and collaborative spirit, established the path for other regions to develop their own IRIS networks.

ELEVATOR SPEECH

The Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) is a secure, web-based system that helps community organizations connect families to the right services—and track what happens next. The PAASS Grundy/Kendall IRIS Network provides a space for real-time, HIPAA-compliant referrals, ensuring agencies respond within five business days and families don't fall through the cracks.

WHAT ARE SECTORS?

IRIS Sectors are designed to categorize organizations based on the services they provide. The data generated from our sectors can be used to gain insights, set expansion priorities, and share stories about partnerships and referral activities within the IRIS network.

FAMILY BENEFITS

Partners in the Early Childhood Sector can assist in connecting families with resources for :

- Childcare
- Early Head Start
- Early Intervention
- Head Start
- Parents as Teachers
- Preschools and Grade Schools

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