

# Visioneering Wichita Birth-K Alliance April 13, 2009

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## Visioneering Updates

Suzie updated the alliance on Visioneering and the 3R initiative, including findings and future activities.

<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/newsletter/Review,%20Revise%20and%20Refocus%20Findings.pdf>

## What are the two initiatives/purposes for the B-K Alliance?

The alliance developed a set of initiatives/purposes for the B-K Alliance. The primary purpose is to maintain and refine early childhood system for the MSA. The strategies to achieve this purpose include:

- Find funding to support the B-K Plan
- Identify new priorities related to B-K and make recommendations of what needs to happen (with and without financial support)
- Identify partnership opportunities beyond those who participate in the B-K Alliance
- Network among providers so that ready for opportunities – both opportunities that are identified by B-K Alliance and those that are “top-down” from state and federal sources
- Public recognizes and understands that early childhood system
- Utilize “data” to tell story, determine priorities, and seek funding

## How should the B-K Alliance structure itself going forward?

- Time/attention to (1) the things we’ve identified as key locally and (2) opportunities to tap dollars for things identified at other levels
- For the next six month use the same structure
- Use B-K Plan and notes from today as basis for alliance meeting agendas
- Twice a year review plan

## Next meeting Dates

5/11 – 2 pm at KCSL