

# Kansas Licensing Indicator Survey

## KLIS Q&A

### KLIS Objective:

*“...to use a survey tool that measures compliance with specific regulations that **statistically predict compliance** with the entire set of program regulations.”*

### What is a LIS?

- Originally designed in Pennsylvania in the late 1970's, the use of indicator systems has grown. By 1994, a study revealed 30 states were using the methodology as way to achieve maximum protection with the fewest possible resources (time, staff, funding, etc.).
- LIS is a tool that measures compliance with those regulations that statistically predict compliance with the entire set of regulations (specific to licensed program type).
- LIS provides a measure of compliance with regulations in a fair and equitable manner and increases consistency.

### How will KLIS increase the quality of child care services in Kansas?

- Noncompliant facilities gain an increase in technical assistance and support from the licensing surveyor; additional monitoring support increases compliance resulting in a shift to a “Compliant” facility.
- State Department increases the efficiency and effectiveness of the licensing program by focusing emphasis on rules most closely associated with compliance.

### How does the Licensing Indicator System Work?

- Analysis of inspection data, compliance history, and criteria set by the state indicates which facilities are considered “compliant”.
- Compliant facilities that meet the criteria eligibility are rewarded with an inspection of an indicator survey only. If a certain level of noncompliance with the indicators is documented, the full survey or survey section is conducted.

### When will Child Care Licensing begin using the KLIS?

- The anticipated rollout is Fall 2013.

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