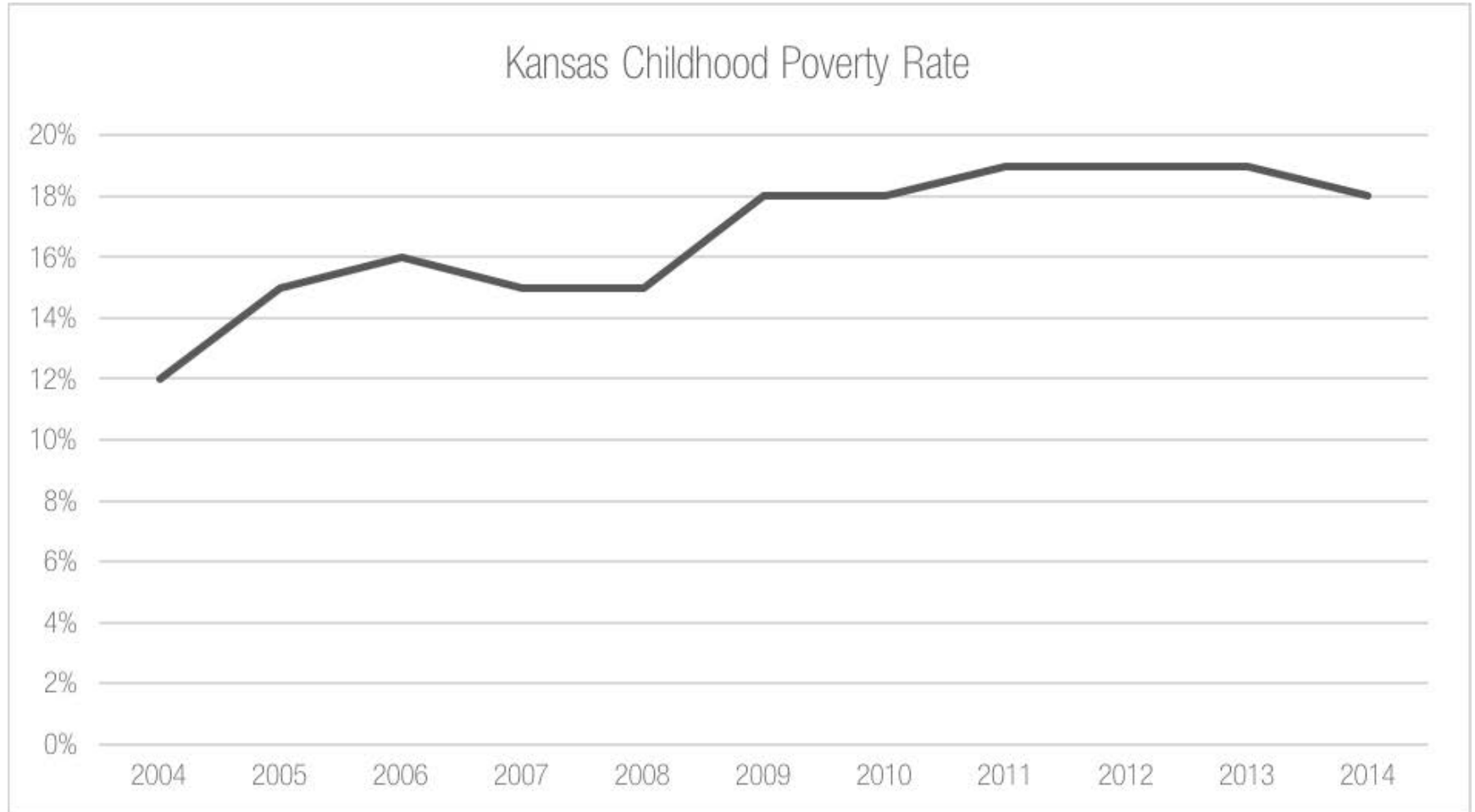


# Economic Opportunity for Kansas Children & Families

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# The Context: Childhood Poverty



# Creating Economic Opportunity

## Two-Generation Approach:

- Identify pathways to financial security
- Provide income supports
- Facilitate healthy development
- Provide access to high-quality early education

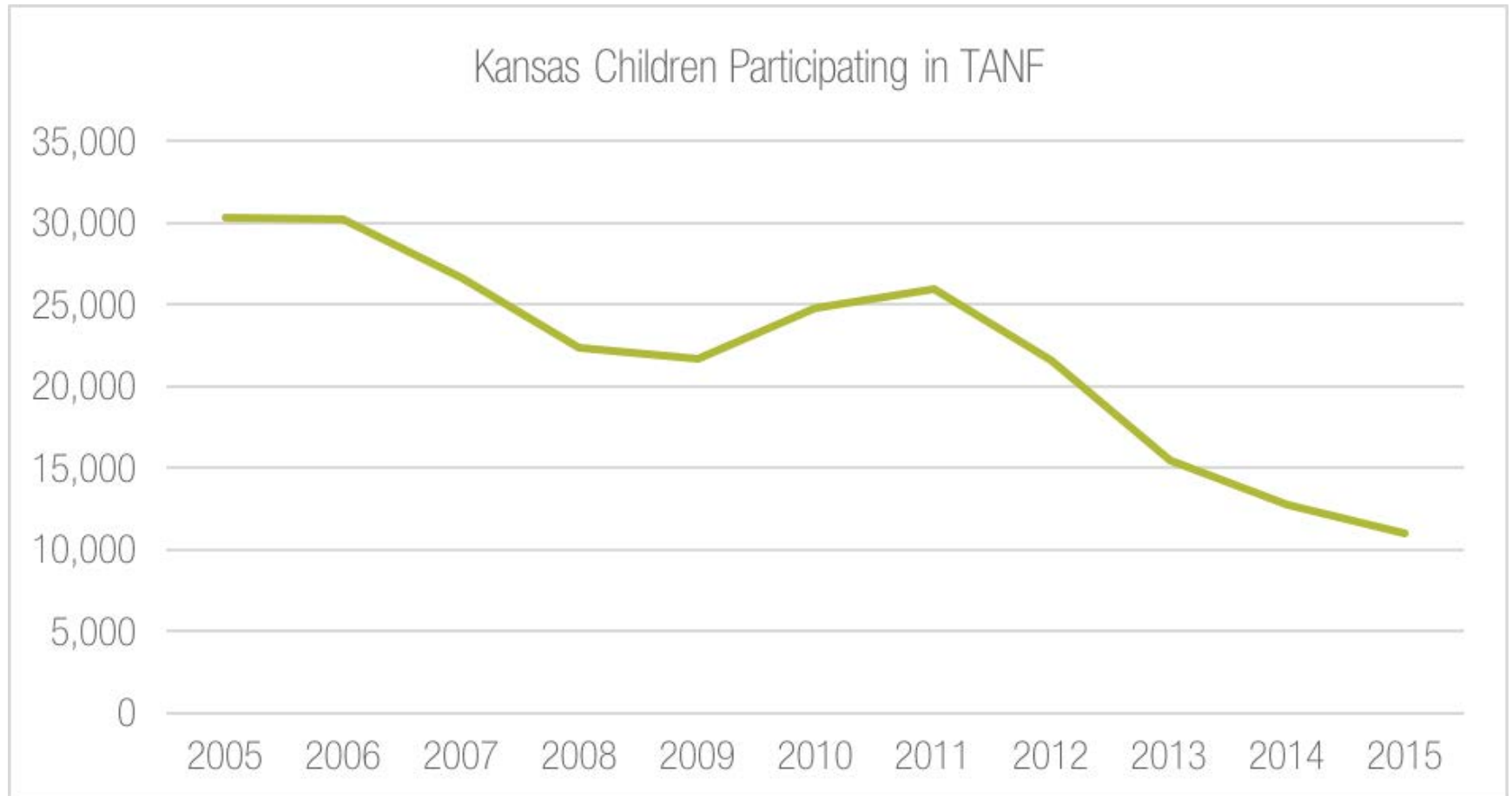
# Pathways to Financial Security

- Provide job training and facilitate access to higher education
- Ensure access to high-quality, reliable, flexible and affordable child care
- Provide financial coaching for parents to plan now and for the future

# Income Supports

- **Temporary Assistance to Needy Families** provides financial resources to families with children experiencing great economic hardship. It is designed to help them meet their most basic needs. A family of three receives approximately **\$400/month**.
- **Earned Income Tax Credit** is the single most effective way to lift families with children out of poverty. The EITC helps more than **200,000 working Kansans**, primarily those with children.

# TANF Enrollment



Kansas' Earned Income Tax Credit Helps over  
**282,000** Kansas Kids

**How does Kansas' EITC help families?**

- Promotes employment & reduces public assistance
- Money received pays bills & puts food on the table
- Keeps thousands of Kansas kids from falling into poverty

The EITC helps **end generational poverty.**

Kids from families receiving the EITC have better *school performance, college enrollment, and lifetime earnings.*

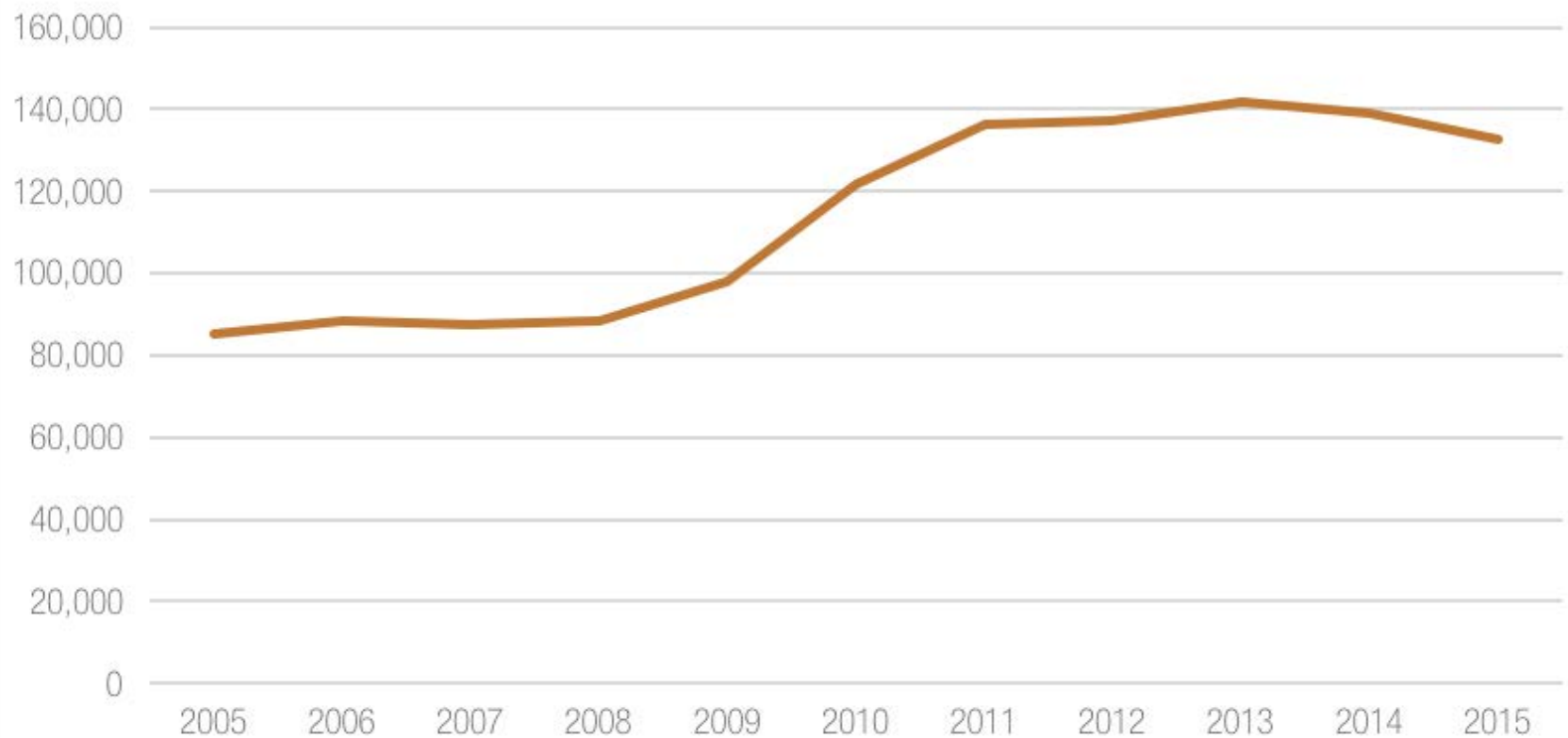
# Healthy Development

- Access to good nutrition and regular health care mitigates the impact of poverty on children and maximizes the return of other investments.
- Approximately 1 in 3 Kansas children relies on KanCare.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program reduces hunger and improves the nutrition of children growing up in poverty.



# SNAP

Kansas Children Participating in SNAP



# High-Quality Early Education

- Young children at the highest risk of educational failure – those growing up in poverty – benefit the most from high-quality early education.
- Children who have access to high-quality early education:
  - Require less remediation and special education,
  - Complete more school,
  - Are better prepared for a job,
  - Have higher lifetime earnings, and
  - Incur lower criminal justice costs and welfare costs to the state.

# Early Head Start

Number of Early Head Start Available per 100 Children

