
McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 04.18.2023

(third Tuesday of even months)

McPherson County Community Foundation Child Care Task Force seeks to understand the multifaceted hardships of the child care system in McPherson County. In hopes that in more fully understanding the problem we can more efficiently and effectively impact positive change.

Attendees

Jenn Burgardt, Betsy Davis, Amelia Alexander, Ricky Snyder, Jerry Montagne, Tom Martens, Lara Vanderhoof, Tom Brown, Debbie Hawkinson, Nick Gregory, Sierra Berenson, Austin Regier

Agenda

Introductions

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. PTO connection to host Family Focus Groups-Status
 2. Child Care Aware of Kansas Community Partnership Grant Updates
 3. All In For Kansas Kids Child Care Accelerator Grant General Updates
 - a. McPherson Projects
 - b. Lindsborg Project
 - c. Canton and Galva Project
 - d. Moundridge Project
 4. [Child Care Tax Credit for Businesses](#)
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New Business

5. All In for Kansas Kids Child Care Innovation Communities Opportunity (Brainstorm Ideas,
 - a. Duplexes for childcare group homes- can work for childcare now or housing later- Habitat for Humanity??? (business tax credit?) Four in McPherson
 - b. Churches- possible options Birth to 6? Mostly used currently for school aged- potential could require extensive renovation
 - c. Saline County Health department does some training, possibly look into YMCA, First Responders, or health department
 - d. Sharing costs of education
 - e. Hybrid Head Start- in neighborhood schools KDHE and KSDE (hand in hand)
 - f. Extend day, through the Y, working with the school for Pre-K (already in discussion)
 - g. Industry Subsidy- hold spots for donor organization
 - h. Transportation bussing system
6. [Wage Comparability Study](#)
 - a. Vocational training in HS, give pathway for students to graduate with HS diploma and also CDA (what about law enforcement, public health)
7. Mission and Vision: Affordability & Accessibility of Quality Child Care that meet the needs of McPherson County for generations to come.
 - a. “Supporting healthy child development is still about caregiver child relationships, and it’s also about communities, businesses, and governments working together to assure a supportive and healthy environment for all young children”

~Place Matters
8. Baby Steps- Child Care Aware

<https://ks.childcareaware.org/patterson-family-foundation/>

Notes/Resources

- [All In for Kansas Kids Child Care Innovation Communities](#)
- [ECE Resources Kansas](#)
- <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1037794395/20/>



Action Items

1. Decide on your way(s) to join state, local, and national efforts
2. Home childcare duplex half residential option- Tom Brown
3. Explore Headstart option- Kdot public transportation

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Accelerator grant results- maybe

Next Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

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