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# McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 08.23.2023 4:00 PM

(third Tuesday of even months)

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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-

Betsy Davis, Casie Weins, Debbie Hawkinson, Amelia Alexander, Keiryn McCann, Jessica Pickering, Ronn Peters, Wanda Williams, Simish Shaw, Mikel Golden, Chuck Laughlin, Katie Walters

## Agenda

### Introductions and Powerful Question

What do you see in Child care that is working and/or is encouraging to you?

Changing of hours to have better staffing outcomes, more schools staff availability, great relationships with Colleges, First day at care for child, growth in licensing (has slowed), Those who have care are happy with the quality of care, stay close to those still those working at Kids Kampus, flexible scheduling is needed, had summer care, employees have more flexibility in work for bringing kids to work, mayor is talking about city contribution for child care, conversations with K-state with opportunities for child care, quality of care is good

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. PTO connection to host Family Focus Groups-Status
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- a. 4 September, Y could potentially supply interns for child care during the meeting
  - b. Reach out to private schools, see about using central location
2. Grants update
- i. All in for Kansas Kids Child Care Accelerator Grant- Received \$550,000 for operations to work on employment, shared services, and Public Private partnerships
    - 1. PPP marketing
      - a. DEI support statement, stories and individual statements, highlight the employers who are supporting, give business statements,
      - b. Make a child and family focus to the statement
      - c. Matching payroll for infants
  - ii. Provider Event in Fall
    - 1. KDHE hrs will be offered in partnership with CCAKS/KCCTO
      - a. CPR, TB check health department
    - 2. Providers will partake in exploring ideas and creating innovative strategies and offerings for shared services network
    - 3. Mental health resources for providers
  - iii. Shared Services Hub- did not receive will still develop with the funding received through CCCA grant
    - 1. Educational opportunities
3. McPherson County Community Child Care Capacity Building Updates
- a. Architectural expenses grant opportunity

#### New Business

- 4. Babysitting fund- McPherson Coalition of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Kieryn
  - a. Working to develop a community development babysitting fund, to help fund 2 to 3 hours of child care through certified babysitters so that lower/no income families can participate in community development and job searching activities. Look into liability, references, and logistics
- 5. Grant objectives- opportunities to get involved.
- 6. Mastermind Grant opportunities
  - a. Applications can be found at <http://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=mccf>
- 7. Still investigate alternative sites for housing child care



## Notes/Resources

- [2023 Child Care Supply and Demand Report](#)
- [ECE Resources Kansas](#)

## Action Items

1. K-State 105 has child care opportunities- Chuck
2. PTO focus groups for the fall- Amelia and Katie

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Additional Grant updates
- Focus group and training opportunity dates

**Next Meeting Date: October 24, 2023**

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# PROGRAM STRATEGIES

STRATEGIES Program actions	TARGETS Measurable strategy benchmarks
<p><b>What actions does your program take to achieve desired changes?</b></p> <p><b>S1:</b> Develop/Implement CTE Pathway to CDA credential for HS students and at ared colleges.</p> <p><b>S2:</b> Create PLCs for <u>child care</u> providers with access to shared business administrative services and knowledge.</p> <p><b>S3:</b> Build a Public/Private partnership that invests in the <u>child care</u> workforce and sustainability of S1 and S2.</p>	<p><b>How will you know if your strategies are being implemented?</b> [Note: We focused on immediate targets and will adopt these targets as these are accomplished.]</p> <p><b>T1:</b> Increasing consensus around the key components of the CTE pathway to early childhood and CDA program and who will facilitate the different components (school district staff and coalition investment in materials).</p> <p><b>T2:</b> Creating a catalogue of preferred services to include in the shared services network (measure is increasing consensus among PLC members).</p> <p><b>T3:</b> Increased dissemination to county providers who will be key in conveying the message about the Public Private Partnership opportunities.</p>

Tips for identifying strategies:  
 - Typically begins with an action word or verb.  
 - Must address and address to address action from...

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