
McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 10.23.2023 4:00 PM

(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

Betsy Davis, Jenn Burgardt, Christy Clarkson, Taryn Daniels, Jessica Pickering, Karolyn Moore, Kierny McCann, Casie Wiens, Patrick Flaming

Agenda

Introductions and Powerful Question

What do you see as the biggest misconception about child care?

It is a problem that cannot be solved, it is not everybody's problem, we don't have the facilities, its glorified babysitting, its not a hard job, it is not a family or workforce service, not as important as k-12, it doesn't impact me

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. PTO connection to host Family Focus Groups
 - a. November 6- Lincoln Elementary PTO at 5 pm
 - b. November 7- Washington Elementary PTO at 7 pm
 - c. November 13- Eisenhower Elementary PTO at 5:30 pm
 - d. County online survey live today
 - i. <https://forms.gle/MUk56osnHdHMEKsHA>

 2. Training opportunity Postponed
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- a. November 11 or 18th
 - i. Positive behavior support training and CPR/First Aid?
Make sure we send info to Jessica Pickering, Child Care Aware
November 11- Alternative Christmas 9-noon

- 3. Grants update
 - a. All in for Kansas Kids Child Care Accelerator Grant- Received \$639,000 to support employment for the three centers actively looking at expanding facilities
 - i. Since May 2023, grant funds applied for on behalf of McPherson County Child Care Task force have provided over \$40,000 in operational support for county Child Care Centers

- 4. K-State 105 has child care opportunities
 - a. Chuck

Chuck will be learning more about this program at professional development in October and will be able to share more information later

- 5. McPherson County Community Child Care Capacity Building Updates
 - a. Architectural expenses grant opportunity- only \$3700 remaining

Have done plans for 4 County programs so far!

New Business

- 6. Substitute Teacher network- CCAKS
 - Programs need to opt in to the program.
 - a. Out of the box thinking for recruitment
 - LCDC- Child Care and coffee, actively talking with individuals about what the child care profession looks like and maybe what a career in early child care could look like.

41 applications!!!! Woot!

- 7. Wait lists- what is the process to families and kids
 - Phone call to enrollment-

LCDC is asking parents about possible duplication on waitlists, most often the answer is yes but not going so far as putting a deposit down. Using brightwheel to track.

Family parent's on disability, so there is a barrier for cost due to ineligibility for DCF. LGBTQIA parents find the faith based center intimidating. Looking for scholarships for assistance. Language in what types providers are home vs relative care vs center is confusing.

8. Accelerator Capital Only Grant- Due December 18
9. Press release and video promotion about the matching opportunity

Notes/Resources

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

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date: December 12 or 19 (?), 2023- Asset Mapping and Cookies