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# McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 2.20.2024 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

Amelia, Jennifer Burgardt, Shalei Shea, Katie Walters, Kieryn McCann, Mary Steffes, Ronn Peters, Mike Mills, Leighann Montoy, Debbie Hawkinson, Betsy Davis

## Agenda

### Introductions and Powerful Question

#### What partners are needed but missing for Child Care in McPherson County?

Corporate sponsorships, School district LEA, Employer support, leadership, vision, more, Tying Pre-k and Childcare, Parenting classes, Getting stakeholders to be active participants, Communication

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Training opportunities 2024
  - a. January- May
2. Grants update 😞

McPherson County Community Child Care Capacity Building Updates

- a. Architectural expenses grant opportunity- only \$3700 remaining
  3. Advocacy opportunities
    - a. First 1000 days summit-
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## New Business

1. Advocacy opportunities
  - a. Logan Stensen Thrive Allen County- Zoom Visit
    - i. [Governor's funding proposal](#)
    - ii. [Early Childhood budget support letter](#)- sign and share
    - iii. [Early Learning Day](#)
      1. Make appointments with Legislators
2. Asset mapping who and what are we missing
  - a. Physical Assets
    - i. Utilizing open school classrooms, Churches, West Kansas Vacant Buildings, Advanced Physical
  - b. Who/ What are we missing?
    - i. School Districts, Economic Development, HR departments (lunch and learn)
  - c. [McPherson Resources](#)

## Notes/Resources

Home providers in shared food service, how can we loop this segment of providers in?  
Resource Delivery

## Next Meeting Agenda Items

1. Can you be an advocate? Who can you speak with?
2. Benefits? (August)

**Next Meeting Date: April 16, 2024**