
McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 4.16.2024 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

Ameilea Alexander, Casie Weins, Debbie Hawkinson, Jennifer Burgardt, Betsy Davis

Agenda

Introductions and Powerful Question

Who can you talk to about the importance of Child Care in our community?

County Commissioners, Chamber Director, Business Leaders/Board members, School personnel, Grandparents, Chamber Board, State officials, other community members, HR Representatives, USDA Representative, City Council

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Training opportunities 2024
 - a. May- Still ironing out details
 - i. May have 2 training dates in May
 - b. First 1000 day summit Advocacy Call Friday
 - i. Please sign up for these will help keep you up to date on what is going on in the state for families with children birth to 5.
 2. Legislative update-
 - a. Consolidation of agencies SB 96
 - b. <https://www.zerotothrivekansas.org/issue-at-hand>
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- i. Logan Stenseng sends out regular update on legislation pertaining to childcare
- 3. Who are we missing
 - a. Locations and missing organizations (Church, schools, EcoDevo, HR)

New Business

1. Child Care Aware Regional Hub Opportunities

- a. <https://ks.childcareaware.org/ss/>

📄 HR Hotline FAQs.pdf

📄 Center Human Resources Support Interest Form.fillable.pdf

📄 FCC Substitute Scholarship Application (3).pdf

📄 empac EAP letter.2.1.2024.pdf

📄 CCAKS FCC Sub Information.pdf

These are available now, let's please advocate for use and reflection by our providers so that this experiment will continue and better meet the needs of those in McPherson County.

2. Child Care Dream Fund- These funds are for direct support to our child care providers through grants and other task force initiatives.

- a. Match opportunity with Innovation Dollars- Still have \$35,000 of matching opportunity to help support tuition supports for licenced providers
- b. Working to continue existing initiatives, PLC, Meat delivery, etc.
- c. What else could this fund help- Below is a video about the TriShare network in Michigan, we are interested in how this might work or be adapted in McPherson County

- i. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uvrdbx1Wp0>

3. Staffed family Child Care network hub- More on this to come. This is a more local support option for providers


- a. Working with KDHE and Children's cabinet

Notes/Resources

Five States working on Child Care

<https://www.ednc.org/how-five-states-alleviate-child-care-crisis-funding-cliff/>

Advice from States



<https://www.ednc.org/2023-09-28-michigan-nc-tri-share-pilot-split-child-care-cost-three-ways-government-business-parents/>

Next Meeting Agenda Items

1. Chamber Blue Benefits? (August)
 - a. ICT Insurance- Drew Walters

Next Meeting Date: June 18, 2024 at McPherson County Community Foundation at 4 pm.