
McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 12.19.2023 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

Jenn Burgardt, Kiernyn McCann, Chianne Lowe, Kaite Walters, Taryn Daniels, Christy Clarkson, Betsy Davis

Agenda


Introductions and Powerful Question

If money were not a barrier, what would you do to improve McPherson County Childcare?

Money in the dream fund, Provide more diverse options, Make sure there are more spaces available, raise the wages of the providers, Making current and new providers can run without running a deficit, increase amount of education for providers at no cost, increase the prestige of the profession, provide more support for families of all income brackets.

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. PTO connection to host Family Focus Groups
 - a. Good participation with families
 - b. Can do more
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2. Training opportunities 2024
 - a. January- May

 3. Grants update
 - a. Accelerator Capital Only Grant Dues Yesterday awards announced end of January

McPherson County Community Child Care Capacity Building Updates

 - b. Architectural expenses grant opportunity- only \$3700 remaining


 4. Shared service opportunity
 - a. Substitute Teacher network- CCAKS
 - b. Local Ground Meat
 - c. Public Private Partnership local Grant opportunity

 5. Accelerator Capital Only Grant- Due December 18

New Business

1. Advocacy opportunities
 - a. <http://first1000daysks.org/event/kansas-summit/>
 - b. Donations, endowments and matching gifts

2. Who are we missing
 - a. Mapping Activity
 - i. What groups will be impacted by our work?
 1. Parents
 2. Children***
 3. Employers
 4. Childcare workers
 5. Schools
 6. Third space/amenities
 7. Law enforcement/ judicial
 8. Health care
 9. Social services
 - a. SNAP
 - b. DCF/ Foster care
 10. Economic development
 - a. Government
 - b. Industry
 11. Family members; grandparents, relative care

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- ii. Subgroups who are difficult to reach or underserved?
 1. Poverty
 2. ESL families
 3. Who don't struggle- the decision makers are maybe not as dialed in as we need
 4. Authority members
 5. Those 2 or more degrees away from child care
 6. People who don't have time
 7. People who don't want to see change or don't see the long game
 8. Bootstrap pullers
 - b. Allies and Initiatives
 - i. What stakeholders do we already actively engage
 - ii.
 - iii. ?
 1. Mayor Brown
 2. Childcare board members
 3. Jenn
 4. MCEID- board members
 5. YMCA
 6. Bradbury, Morigde, Ag360
 7. Joel Hicks

Notes/Resources

- <https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Kansas-Early-Childhood-Transition-Task-Force-Final-Report.pdf>

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date: February 20, 2024