
McPherson County Child Care Task Force

Tuesday 6.18.2024 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

Leighann Montoy, Shalei Shae, Christy Clarkson, Jenn Burgardt, Betsy Davis, Ricki Snyder, Taryn Daniels, Debbie Hawkinson

Agenda

Introductions and Powerful Question

How will we know when the child care system is “fixed”?

Children will have quality environments where ever they are, Adults are happy where their children are at, No more waitlists, Balance between equality of needs, type of provider, professionalism observed, DCF/ Licensing can breathe easy, No more silos, No more money woes, staff paid a living wage, Kids can flow in and out of care as they need, workforce is full

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Child Care Aware Regional Hub Opportunities
 - a. IRA contributions have been utilized by some. Has started a benefits conversation in LCDC
 - b. Telehealth resources- several took advantages incentivised by the provider
 2. Child Care Dream Fund- These funds are for direct support to our child care providers through grants and other task force initiatives.
 - a. BabySteps Child Care Aware, looks like it will continue into the future.
 3. Staffed family Child Care network hub
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- a. Cost Cutting opportunity for providers so that they can run their business more efficiently
 - i. Tested out some opportunities for grocery
 - ii. Looking for communications between CCMS to streamline
 - iii. Consortial purchasing

New Business

1. Accelerator Grant Update
 - a. What will stop
 - i. Salary Supports
 - b. What will continue
 - i. Professional Development, Materials support, Local Food supports
 - ii. Attention encouraging use of the employer childcare tax credit
 - c. How has it made a difference
 - i.
 - d. What's next?
 - i. Director Mentoring/Apprenticeship
 - ii. New Regulations allow some hours of discretionary training hours
 - iii. Onboarding support ??? Can we support this CPR First Aid especially
 1. YMCA-Summer for CPR/First Aid
2. Staffed Family Child Care Hub/ Multi-site/ Small Center Pilot
 - a. Licensing changes- qualifications for directors
 - b. Insurance options?

Home Work

Be an obnoxious evangelist for Child Care.

Betsy and Jenn will have one pagers by the end of the summer

Notes/Resources

Employer Road Map


https://chamber-foundation.files.svdcdn.com/production/documents/ECE-Employer-Road-map_March-2022_web.pdf?dm=1704748799

Equity in Child Care US Chamber of Commerce

https://chamber-foundation.files.svdcdn.com/production/documents/Equity_ChildCare_Final_web_2023-10-12-180314_tqld.pdf?dm=1704748805



Building Solutions together Video

 U.S. Chamber Foundation | Building Childcare Solutions, Together

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date: August 20 2024 at McPherson County Community Foundation at 4 pm.