
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

Ricki Snyder, Jenn Burgardt, Leighann Montoy,

Agenda

Introductions and Powerful Question

How did the Evangelizing go? Or if it didn't, what are common misconceptions when talking to others about childcare?

Why do you have to pay when you are not there, Still hearing "Not sure why Childcare is not working because what they hear is people are banking it", working at the Legislative level to understand the nuance of the childcare,

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Accelerator Grant Continuation
 - a. What will continue
 - b. 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
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2. Staffed Family Child Care Hub/ Multi-site/ Small Center Pilot
 - a. Licensing changes- qualifications for directors
 - b. Insurance options?

New Business

1. CACFP
 - a. Farmwise-USDA, early childhood education farm to table program. Kansas is a technical assistance recipient. KSDE is working with Rural Grocery initiative KSRE
 - b. Local Summit next week in Wichita
 - c. Saline County Kansas Weslyn, Community food hub (?)
 - d. CACFP sponsorship? Maybe non-childcare sponsor option ChildLinks
 - e. Wondering about whether or not family providers would sign-up for this if sponsorship was available?
 - i. CACFP start-up kit for potential new partners?
 - ii. Would incentives help? National /state/ or local?
2. DCF
 - a. Navigator - not a new idea. Saline County has had this service and it did not work well
 - i. Need to think about bilingual- translator over phone service(?)
 - ii. Maybe think more about have it as an advocate type setup
3. Training for 2025
 - a. Twice a year/ quarterly trainings
 - i. Might want to think about a larger venue? Community building
4. Regulation Changes
 - a. Where is the best place to seek information about the new regs?
 - i. Licensing
 - ii. Working towards accessibility so long as it doesn't cause risk

Home Work

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: October 22 2024 at McPherson County Community Foundation at 4 pm.