



Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022





Welcome & Approval of Minutes

KIM MOORE, CHAIR





Communities in Action

KELLY DAVYDOV, CHILD CARE AWARE OF KANSAS
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Community Child Care Capacity-Building Approach

4 Phases

Pre-Planning

- Tactical, early-stage support to communities to determine level of readiness
- Coalition-building
- Return on Investment
- Needs assessments

Communities in Action Workshop

- Dedicated team planning time
- Learn from experts across Kansas' early childhood system
- Identify short- and long-term goals

Funding

- Initial inquiry
- Initial grant - \$2,000
- Implementation grant - \$45,000

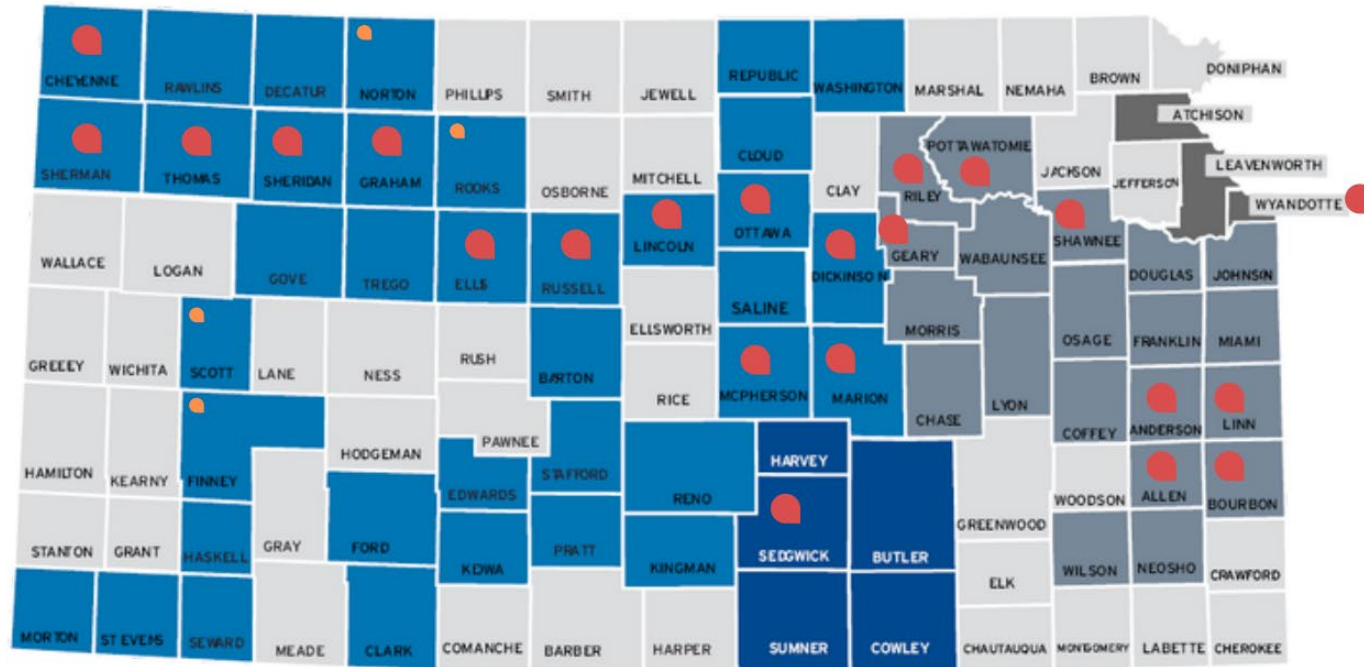
Follow-up Support

- Ongoing support for planning and implementation

Kansas Communities in Action



Community Child Care Capacity-Building Approach



Communities working on building child care capacity with CCR&R: January-September 2022

<p>Child Care Aware of Kansas</p> <p>Phone: 1-855-750-3343</p>	<p>Child Start</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-684-3962</p>	<p>Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas</p> <p>Phone: 1-877-678-2548</p>	<p>Family Conservancy</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-755-0838</p>
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Additional way to reach out: Visit the community page at www.ks.childcareaware.org/how-you-can-help

● Community has participated in Communities in Action Workshop ● Active community coalition- CCAKS not participating at this time

Marion County

A Community Success Story

- The community coalition, H4C, was formed in 2019 to address child care needs. A needs assessment was completed in 2021.
- H4C team members attended a *Communities in Action* workshop in 2022.
- Current progress includes formally organizing as a 501(c)(3), working to secure funds, and securing a site for a new child care center.



“This child care center is for Marion County and not just for Hillsboro or USD 410. It’s for our whole community, and we need the whole community’s support. It’s truly a community thing. It has to be community supported and backed, and in turn, it goes back to benefit our businesses. It gives our parents the opportunity to have stable child care and get back into the work force and provide an income for their families. We need each other,” said Hein.



Location near school secured for new child care facilities



“Stafford County is at a true tipping point,” Norman stated in a blog post about the effort. “If families cannot find adequate and safe child care, they will relocate. If they relocate, there will be fewer people to employ within Stafford County to keep businesses running.”

Stafford County

A Community Success Story

- The Stafford County child care coalition plans to construct a modular group day care home.
- The coalition presented to the Stafford County Commissioners about the current child care landscape.
- As a result, the county allocated ARPA funds to address child care needs. This complements funds already secured from the city of St. John.
- Property has been purchased for placement of a modular child care classroom.



Edwards County

A Community Success Story

- In 2021, K-State Research and Extension helped open 3 child care facilities in Kinsley.
- Community members then met with the local economic development director and decided to form a coalition.
- The coalition broke ground on a fourth facility in Lewis on May 6th, 2022. Many community members assist with preparations for placement of the modular facility, including labor and materials.



Ground was broken May 16 in Lewis for the foundation of a modular building that will house a pair of new day care centers in the community. Groundbreaking participants, from left, included providers Shana Reed and Yescenia Lopez, Edwards County Daycare Committee member Kelsey Kiewer Holguin, Committee President Trisha Greene, and Committee Secretary Krystle Sandman. Committee members not pictured included Bradley Venters, Schianne Hornbaker, Linette Miller and Karen Myers. *Courtesy*

Like many parents across Kansas, Edwards County Extension Agent Trisha Greene was having great difficulty finding day care in Kinsley, where she lives and works.

Over the last 18 months, the community has increased child care slots from 10 to 50 and is on its way to 75 slots (the amount needed as identified in a needs assessment).



About Our Organizations



- Established in 1917
- Mission is to accelerate business connections and advocate community advancement
- Employs four full-time staff members
- Task force was birthed from conversations with chamber members struggling with child care for their employees



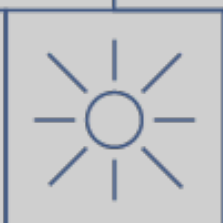
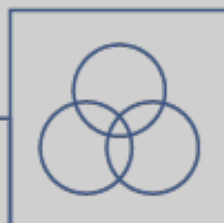
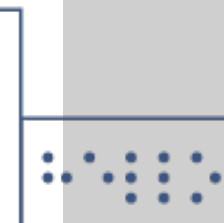
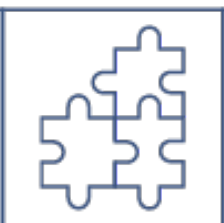
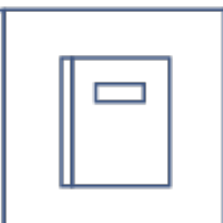
- Organized in September 2021
- Mission is to create and maintain a sustainable, quality childcare environment that assists in attracting employees to Ellis County while developing our children into the next generation of community leaders and workforce
- Represents nearly 50 individuals

Who Is at the Table?

- Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment
- Child Care Aware of Kansas
- Local home-based and center providers
- Representatives from Ellis County school districts
- HaysMed
- Fort Hays State University
- Elected officials
- Area employers and parents
- The Chamber, Grow Hays, and other non-profits

Where We Started

- K-State Extension and Research community needs survey
- Almost 800 surveys were completed
- Identified that 150 people would re-enter the workforce if their family had access to quality child care
- 270 families surveyed were currently seeking care
- Data from Child Care Aware of Kansas Point-in-Time survey in fall of 2021 indicates that Ellis County is short 700 spots



Provider Meetings & Communities in Action Workshop



Three meetings were held in spring of 2022 in Ellis, Hays, and Victoria to gather current child care providers and meet with those considering starting a child care business.

Three new providers attended these meetings, and 18 current providers shared their feedback on child care needs in Ellis County.



The task force also attended a Communities in Action Workshop.

Challenges

- Finding enough individuals who are interested in opening a child care business whether in home or starting a center
- Stress on providers for running a business out of their home and meeting all regulations
- Livable wages for providers
- Funding
- Meeting current providers needs
- Getting the business community more involved in the solution-making process
- Finding resources to tackle our community's needs is complex as there are so many directions and programs that exist



Successes & Ongoing Efforts

- Writing letters of support that led to two successful centers opening in 2024 that will open up 100 additional child care spots
 - Provided resources for new in-home provider who opened location in August
 - Acquiring \$30,000 in funds acquired through a grant from the Robert E. & Patricia A. Schmidt Foundation to launch a child care provider awareness campaign
 - Child care provider proclamation and appreciation event in May
 - Working on child care provider substitute pool
 - Applied for Rural Champion grant to focus on child care efforts
 - Focus group meetings (provider, parent, employer, faith-based, and education)
 - Applying for additional grants to support opening more centers or in-home provider child care businesses
 - Elevating child care as a profession
 - CDA track for high school students
 - Creation of child care provider benefits package
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Get Started Today!

Toll Free: 1-855-750-3343

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Kansas Department for Children and Families.





PDG B-5 Renewal Grant Update

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Every child can thrive.

Creating pathways for childhood success

Every success story starts with a clear, shared vision. Ours is to build better futures where every Kansas child thrives. All In for Kansas Kids connects communities and their families as well as the providers that serve them to create a path for early childhood success.

Together, we can make real forward progress toward achieving this vision by keeping every Kansas child top of mind.

[➤ Learn More](#)



Stronger Kansas Communities

Building a Better Foundation for Our Youth Starts Here

Every community is unique with its special strengths and its own unique challenges. Just like we invest in roads, utilities, and broadband to fuel our economy and provide a good quality of life for Kansas residents, we must also invest in a more effective early care and education system for our state.

Together, we can unlock the unique strategies to help your community ensure our youngest Kansans and their families can thrive.



How to Get Involved

CHILD CARE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

- Advisory group to KDHE that focuses on Child Care Licensing
- Started work again in 2020 after several year break as part of PDG
- Group is comprised of stakeholders from across the state and early childhood care and education system
- In 2021 the group put forth 14 recommendations to:
 - Improve clarity of regulations (e.g. staff qualifications)
 - Increase resources and supports for prospective and current child care providers
 - Increase public awareness

CHILD CARE SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT TEAM

- Several of these recommendations will be launched later this year:
 - Toolkit to help home-based applicants navigate the licensing process
 - Public awareness campaign focused on the importance of quality licensed child care
 - Go Team
- We are excited about the work to date and look forward to sharing more as we develop and implement future recommendations.
Thank you!



Agency Updates



EX-OFFICIOS

- **Amanda Petersen**

- Kansas State Department of Education Designee

- **Amy Meek**

- Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

- **Drew Duncan**

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment Designee

- **Tanya Keys**

- Kansas Department for Children and Families Designee

- **Dr. Karla Wiscombe**

- Kansas Board of Regents Designee

- **Justice Keynen Wall**

- Kansas Supreme Court Justice

- **Hope Cooper**

- Deputy Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections, Juvenile Justice Authority

Children's Cabinet





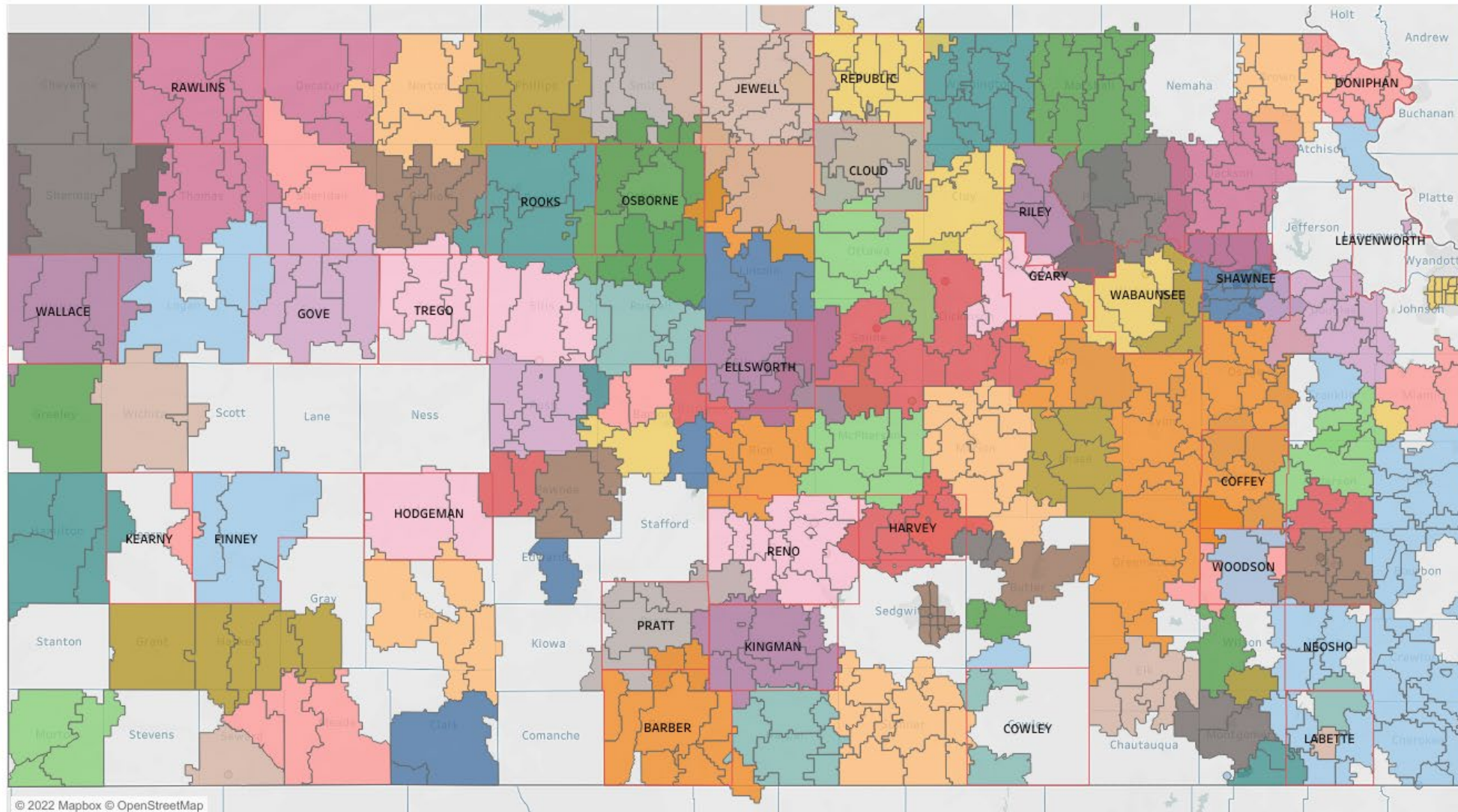
Director's Update

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DPIL KANSAS COUNTY COVERAGE

USA Coverage Area



State Affiliate
KS

- Mnemonic Key**
- KSALLEN
 - KSALTAMONT
 - KSASHLAND
 - KSATCHISON
 - KSBARBER
 - KSBRONN
 - KS BUTLER
 - KS CENTRALHEIGHTS
 - KSCHASE
 - KSCLAY
 - KS COFFEYVILLE
 - KS COWLEY
 - KS CREST
 - KS DEERFIELD
 - KS D H F C H E Y E N N E
 - KS D H F C L O U D
 - KS D H F D E C A T U R

- County**
- ALLEN
 - ANDERSON
 - ATCHISON
 - BARBER
 - BARTON
 - BOURBON
 - BROWN
 - BUTLER
 - CHASE
 - CHEROKEE
 - CHEYENNE
 - CLARK
 - CLAY
 - CLOUD
 - COFFEY
 - COWLEY
 - CRAWFORD

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting: December 2
(location tbd)

Children's Cabinet



2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule

- February 3
- *April 7 or 14
- June 2
- August 4
- October 6
- December 1

**April 7 is Good Friday, Easter is April 9.*