



CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
COALITION OF KANSAS

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Members of CCPC

A message from your president

CCPC President - Angie Carnes

As the holidays approach, I am grateful for what I see every day with this community.

I am grateful to see so many providers standing up and speaking out for the right of every young child to have quality child care and for our profession to be respected. Your voice makes a difference!

I am grateful for the united efforts of our collaborating partners that work together with CCPC to help transform our profession. They are truly committed to young children, families and early child care professionals.

I am grateful for the team of providers that have volunteered their time to serve on the CCPC board. They have stepped up and have gone above and beyond to help CCPC become a respected organization in the state.

I am grateful for YOU...every provider out there doing the hard work.

I know that it's not always easy...there are days you feel alone and worn out, many nights of tossing and turning, and days that you are ready to throw in the towel. But remember, you are changing the world one child at a time. I'm proud to walk with you on this journey. Together we can handle whatever life throws at us, the good, the bad and the ugly!

Today I am celebrating and honoring all of you. Thank You ♥

What's Going on with the CCPC Board?

Advocacy Avenue

Committee Chair - Emily Barnes

Fall has officially arrived and time change has happened. I hope everyone's kiddos have adjusted well and are settling in for the upcoming holidays.

By now, most people know about the proposed changes to K.A.R. 28-4-114 that could redefine "infant" to be a child younger than 12 months old and allow a provider

to have up to 4 infants with 2 toddler/preschoolers by themselves. The public hearing was held on October 28, 2022 and open comment closed at 5:00pm that day.

Annell Harmon and I went from CCPC to voice our concerns. Kansas Action for Children sent a person and a couple of other family providers were able to attend. It was my first experience with a KDHE public hearing and I am truly grateful that I went. The comments voiced that day focused upon the safety risks and the desire to create other options to address the child care crisis in Kansas. The people who work at KDHE informed us that they had received many emails from people with concerns about safety and logistics when implementing these changes.

Where there may have been contentious interactions in the past, we were greeted with respect. Your voices, our voices spoke clearly. I almost picked up a sense of relief that we stood so strongly to protect children and families.

But what does this mean now?

Honestly, we wait. With the open comment period closed and the public hearing over, it is time for KDHE to comb through the letters and comments to determine the path forward. There is no timeline to meet so at this time it is uncertain when we will hear what decisions have been made.

Thank you to everyone who sent in thoughts and comments. Thank you to everyone who engaged in constructive discussion about this topic. I have heard from multiple organizations and agencies that the thoughts voiced in the online discussion on the CCPC main Facebook page made a difference.

I believe that the K.A.R. 28-4-114 proposal is the tip of the iceberg as we tackle the child care crisis. Decisions must be made, and not all of them will be decided the way we hope. But the work done in the recent weeks proves how essential, dedicated, strong, and valuable family child care providers are to our state.

I am grateful to work alongside you. It is my honor to advocate for our workforce. I look forward to watching and working with many more of you as we continue to advocate.

Please read [CCPC's Call To Action](#) comments that were sent to KDHE in the open comment period.

Professional Development Event

Committee Chair - Laura Gunderson

SAVE THE DATE

CCPC P.L.A.Y. Academy
Providers Learning and Advocating
for Young Children

Virtual Event - April 2023
16 KDHE Approved Hours

[Click Here for More Information](#)



CCPC Fall Professional Development Event

September 16th, 2023
In Person Event
Location - Emporia Kansas

This will be an amazing event to come together, learn, network and celebrate!
More Information Coming Soon!

Provider Of the Year

Committee Chair - Stacy Hook

Congratulations to our 2023 Provider of the Year Nominations!

These providers have been nominated by families and friends for their ongoing hard work, dedication and compassion in their family child care programs.

April Shuman - Wichita
Tara Cochran - Olathe
Corrie Beldin - Olathe
Janet Silva - Manhattan
Dawn Chapman - Gardner
Katherine Holloway - Kingman
Katie Groningen - Kingman
Emily Welborn - Wakefield

Hunter Award

Committee Chair - Tiffany Mannes

Call for Nominations 2023 Hunter Award

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HUNTER AWARD

Dreams and Dedication are a
powerful combination.

William Longgood

The Hunter Award is reserved for an individual who have shown outstanding devotion in supporting Family Child Care Providers in Kansas and whose leadership has promoted quality standards in the field.

[More Information](#)

Collaborating Partners



Child Care Workforce Appreciation Bonus

Application Period Schedule

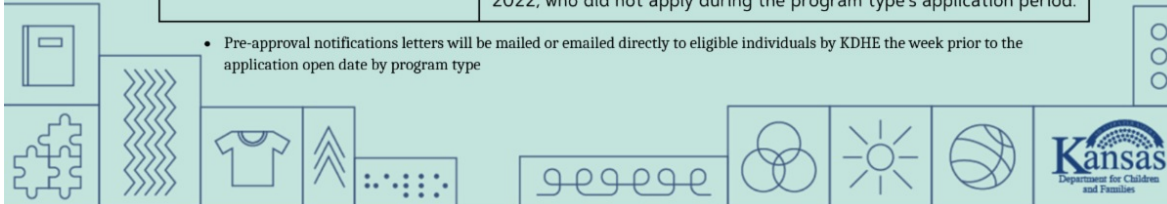
Eligible individuals must apply for the payment and verify information as part of the process. Due to the very high volume of applications anticipated, applications will be requested in phases by licensed program type. Refer to the schedule below to determine when you should apply. Individuals working in Child Care Centers and Head Start programs can submit applications beginning July 18, followed by individuals working in Preschools on August 15, School Age and Drop-In Programs on September 11, Licensed and Group Day Care Homes on October 9, and DCF Relative Providers on November 5.

Click here for more information on the
[Child Care Workforce Appreciation Bonus](#)

Application Period for Eligible Individuals by Program/Licensed Facility Type

| Application Period | Eligible Individuals by Program Type | Work Experience |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| July 18-August 20, 2022 | Child Care Centers, licensed and licensed exempt Head Starts | >/= 6 months as of July 1, 2022 |
| August 15- September 17, 2022 | Preschool | >/= 6 months as of July 1, 2022 |
| September 11 - October 15, 2022 | School Age and Drop-in programs | >/= 6 months as of July 1, 2022 |
| October 9-November 12, 2022 | Licensed Day Care Homes Group Day Care Homes | >/= 6 months as of July 1, 2022 |
| November 5- December 10, 2022 | Relative Care Providers | >/= 6 months as of July 1, 2022 |
| November 5- December 10, 2022 | Individuals working in any program with < 6 months. Individuals working in any program with >/= 6 months as of July 1, 2022, who did not apply during the program type's application period. | |

- Pre-approval notifications letters will be mailed or emailed directly to eligible individuals by KDHE the week prior to the application open date by program type



Update Your Child Care Aware of Kansas Resource and Referral Profile [HERE](#)

Sustainability Grant Round 3

Applications are being accepted until November 30, 2022.

Learn more or apply online today at ks.childcareaware.org/grants

Application Deadline November 30th, 2022

For those who have applied, the Monthly Expenditure Tracking forms must be completed by the 10th of each month to continue to receive payments. Opt-Out for Sustainability Grant Round 3 is due by 11:59 pm on the 5th of each month.

Grant Specialists are available to answer your questions Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. Please visit our website for more information.



KCCTO Learning Communities

Would you like to receive free KDHE-approved training in a unique community of your peers? KCCTO is now recruiting child care providers for participation in New Provider Learning Communities as well as Rural & Frontier Learning Communities. Participating providers will receive free training, support from a trained facilitator, a peer community, and access to materials and resources that will help meet your goals. If you would like to learn more about each community type, visit <https://kccto.org/kccto-cohorts/>.

This is a great opportunity to build an amazing support system with others like you.



Kansas Parents as Teachers Association (KPATA) is a 501(c)3 statewide organization that supports early childhood education programs in Kansas with a parent education component. We provide leadership, professional development, and advocacy to build quality programs throughout Kansas.

Find out more about membership [HERE!](#)

All KPATA trainings are FREE and available to any current KPATA member!

- Practice Self-Compassion
- Teeth for Two
- Breastfeeding and Maternal Mental Health
- Positive Supports - Impact on Family Well Being
- ACES Training
- Racial Equity - A Foundation of Understanding

More classes can be found online!



Kansas Children's Service League

Register for free training from the Kansas Children's Service League.

Topics include

Child Abuse and Neglect
Mandated Reporter Training

Learn about trainings [HERE](#)



Save the Date for the 2023 Leadership Connections™

National Virtual Conference
April 26-28, 2023

The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership at National Louis University is pleased to announce the dates of our next Leadership Connections national conference! We are also excited to share our conference theme: The Time is Now: Leadership and Advocacy!

Our three-day conference will deliver the quality experiences you have come to expect from the McCormick Center from the comfort of your home or workplace. Conference attendees will learn from and connect with a diverse group of leaders in our field on a variety of topics. We are excited to explore new and innovative ways to connect with you—and to connect you with each other! We are excited to build upon the success of our last two fully-virtual conferences and know it will be an engaging experience, so mark your calendars for April 26-28, 2023, to attend Leadership Connection 2023!

What can you expect?

- Engaging sessions focused on early care and education leadership development
- Connecting with early childhood professionals from around the country and abroad
- Inspiring keynotes
- Opportunities to grow your networks
- Pre-conference on Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Save the Date!



Child Start's Annual
Early Childhood Conference

Camp GWC

Wichita, Kansas
Virtual: 4/14/23
In Person: 4/15/23



NATIONAL KEYNOTES TRAININGS EXHIBITORS PRIZES FUN

FIND OUT WHY KIDS DO WHAT THEY DO...



Kids These Days Podcast

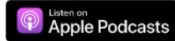
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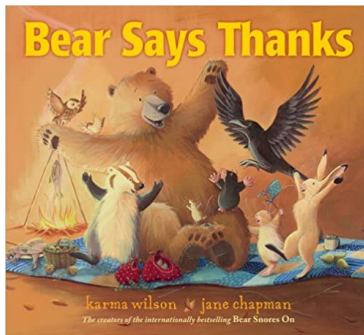


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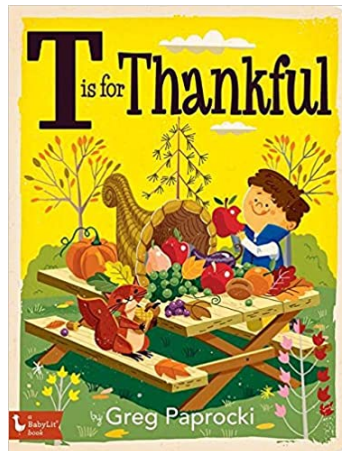


Providers Corner

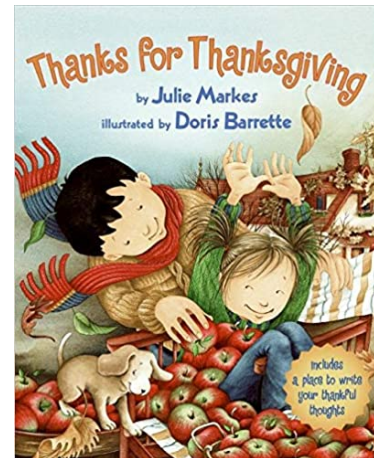
Hoiliday Book Recommendations



Bear has come up with the perfect way to say thanks—a nice big dinner! When Bear decides to throw a feast, his friends show up one by one with different platters of delicious food to share. There's just one problem: Bear's cupboards are bare! What is he to do?



An engaging collection of 26 illustrations featuring things to be grateful for—such as kindness, blessings, and veterans—and Thanksgiving Day festivities and objects—like pumpkin pie, a cornucopia, and family recipes. Illustrator Greg Paprocki's popular BabyLit alphabet board books feature his classically retro midcentury art style that's proven to be a hit with both toddlers and adults



Everyone knows that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks—the question is, where to begin? From the turkey on the table to warm, cozy cuddles, life is full of small things and bigger pleasures. But what's most important is being able to share them with family.

Recipe Roundup

There's nothing better than a tasty treat. Check out the CACFP crediable, healthy and delicious blue cornbread muffin recipe.

Find the recipe [HERE!](#)



Child Care Resources

It is a goal of CCPC to share quality resources with Kansas Family Child Care Providers. In this section you will find links to sites that offer current information and qualified training in a variety of areas including: health and safety, safe sleep, SIDS and nutrition.

Click Links below to take you directly to their websites

KDHE

Child Care Aware of Kansas

Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities Inc.

McCormick Center

Kansas Action for Children

KCCTO-KITS

Kansas Quality Network

2020 Kansas Needs Assessment

Tom Copeland

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