



CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
COALITION OF KANSAS

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Members of CCPC

A message from your president

CCPC President - Angie Carnes

Spring is just around the corner, and I can almost smell the flowers. It's the time of year when putting in hard work will pay off in the future. For many providers Spring is a time to get outside, work on our playground and plant gardens with our children. It's a lot of hard work but it all pays off when our gardens are full of beautiful flowers. I believe that is exactly where our CCPC board is right now. Over the last few months not only have we been busy organizing our upcoming PLAY Academy and working on building new relationships with collaborating partners, but we have been advocating for the needs of Kansas family child care providers and the families they serve.

For the first time I was able to attend Advocacy Day in Topeka along with other board members. To be honest, I was nervous! I was completely out of my comfort zone. I was so proud to see my fellow board members in action, stepping up and testifying, participating in a provider's panel with the Child Care Task Force and discussing our concerns with legislators from around the state. There is still work to be done and CCPC will be reaching out to providers from across the state to get their input on the current SB282 bill that addresses child care needs in Kansas. This bill could mean big changes for providers, it is important us to stay involved and informed.

But that's not all, CCPC board members have been working with many community groups to support providers, provide resources, and offer networking opportunities. Our regional groups are growing, and we are working on reaching out to providers from across the state to get them involved.

The CCPC board is excited to be putting in the hard work to make sure that Kansas family child providers are being heard and listened to. YOU truly are a key component to the future of Kansas!

I am looking forward to seeing many of your smiling faces at our upcoming PLAY Academy!

Happy Spring!

What's Going on with the CCPC Board?

Advocacy Avenue

Committee Chair - Emily Barnes

So much has occurred lately and everything seems like a blur. Early Child Care and Education Advocacy Day happened on March 1, 2023. It was exciting and fun to see so many people in the capitol building and interact with legislators. The planning committee, which is made up of multiple organizations including CCPC, has ideas already for next year. We will ensure to keep everyone informed so that you can join us!

Many providers across the state have become aware of SB 282 which is a bill in the Senate Commerce Committee addressing child care. Although we can be grateful that the conversation has begun, this bill brings elements of regulation into statute and poses a risk to a family child care provider's ability to operate smoothly. It also poses a risk to our ability to advocate.

The bill is written in twelve sections, each addressing various topics. Sections 1-4 address topics such as the qualifications of staff, professional development, ratio, etc. Section 5 removes the "requirement" that family child care must live within the residence. Section 6 offers the ability to apply for waivers from the secretary of health allowing an exception from the requirements. Section 7 offers the ability for the state to create pilot programs. Section 8 addressed care in military capacities. Section 9 redefines terms including infant and toddler. Section 10 removes any requirement to pay renewal fees. Section 11 addressed topics such as toothbrushes, safe sleep, etc. Section 12 discusses inspection frequency and mandates that surveys be conducted by employees of the department of health.

On a surface review, these topics seem helpful. However, in a detailed review, I found that much of the information in the bill exists currently in our regulations. Passing a bill like this will move the requirements from regulations (K.A.R) into statute (K.S.A.) and threaten to take away some of our abilities to follow current regulations.

A statute is "a written law passed by a legislative body." A regulation is "a rule or directive made and maintained by an authority." The handbooks that we use for our operation are broken into sections that outline the statutes, which are listed as K.S.A, and the regulations, which are listed as K.A.R. We are obligated to follow them. As I have operated my business I have come to understand the difference by thinking of a statute as being the law that I must follow, while my regulations are the things I do to follow the law.

In section 2 of SB 282, immediately after the ratio tables for day care home and group day care home, the bill states "No child shall be left unattended." This statement will take away your ability to follow the supervision plans that we are able to write allowing older children freedom within our houses. With this in statute, if a child is hurt after you have left the room to go to the restroom we could be facing different consequences in the aftermath.

This week KDHE announced a large-scale regulation review. These are required every few years, but due to the current situation they have reached out to CCPC voicing an interest in including CCPC and providers in the conversations to review and thoroughly assess the regulations. CCPC is interested in reviewing regulations, specifically assessing a way in which a

group day care home license can become a legitimate business option.

Both the KDHE and legislative processes are imperfect. I am concerned about allowing our legislature to take our regulations and move them in a way that reduces our ability to come to the table. Currently we have board members on the KDHE-Systems Improvement Team. This is one way in which we can speak up for ourselves. CCPC will work to bring more and more providers to the table for discussions. That way ideas, concerns, and successes can be highlighted and brought forth in a timeline and manner that treats members of the workforce as important stakeholders in this process.

CACFP

Committee Chairs - Beth Kirk & Desiree Streight



CCPC has created a new committee for CACFP. Our goal is to work together with your food programs to help keep you updated on all the CACFP requirements and trainings in your area. Watch for information on the regional group pages.

Make sure to check out [CACFP Week](https://www.cacfp.org/) - March 12-18

Membership

Committee Chair - Emily Welborn

Time to renew your CCPC Membership!

Renewal letters will be going out next week for
2023 CCPC Memberships.

**Don't Forget
to renew your
CCPC
membership!**

Professional Development Event

Committee Chair - Laura Gunderson



Only A Few Spots Left!
Registration Closes March 17th

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE! **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!

Hunter Award

Committee Chair - Tiffany Mannes



Last Chance! Call for Nominations 2023 Hunter Award

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 Provider Satisfaction Survey

As an early childhood educator your feedback will help guide services available to the early childhood field. This survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. We would like staff at your facility to complete a survey (Directors, Assistant Directors, Program Directors, Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Family Child Care owners, etc.).

[Child Care Provider Satisfaction Survey](#)

DID YOU KNOW? Child care providers participating in CACFP receive reimbursement for meals and snacks when an infant is provided pumped breast milk or is breast/chestfeed on site, even after the child's first birthday. CACFP best practice encourages persons to supply breast milk for their infants in child care and offer a quiet, area that is comfortable and sanitary for persons who come on site to breast/chestfeed. Breast milk can be used to meet the fluid milk requirement in the CACFP program for children over 12 months of age. Another benefit to participating on the CACFP is access to FREE training! Join



the #CACFP program. Call 785-296-2276 for more information!

Get reimbursed when a parent breast/chestfeeds their baby while in your care! Learn more about how CACFP supports breastfeeding from *Breastfeeding Support in the Child Care Setting* from the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition. @KSBreastfeeding @KSDEHQ #childcare #breastfeed #FuelingKSKids

Nearly 90% of families in KS choose to #breastfeed and they are looking for breastfeeding supportive child care. Become a “Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Provider.” Learn more at <https://ksbreastfeeding.org/cause/child-care-provider-education/>. @KSBreastfeeding #childcare #breastfeed @CCAKansas

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Free ASQ- Ages and Stages Questionnaire Trainings Available

Help Me Grow Kansas offers regular ASQ-3™ and ASQ:SE-2™ trainings. Find these and more event and registration details on the [**TASN website**](#). Participants can earn KDHE clock hours.

- **ASQ-3™: March 28, 2023 1pm-4pm**
- **ASQ:SE-2™: March 29, 2023 9am-12pm**

Accelerator Grant NOW OPEN Webinar This Friday!

This Kansas Children’s Cabinet Community Grant Opportunity will support community-based teams—including early childhood providers and champions, employers, and economic development leaders—in their efforts to create additional high-quality, attainable child care slots in their communities.

The [**Request for Proposals \(RFP\)**](#) and online application is now available. Visit [**All In for Kansas Kids**](#) to learn more.

There will be a series of Q&A webinars over the next 4 weeks. All webinars will be recorded and posted online, and additional FAQ documents will be created and shared.

The first webinar is this Friday, details are below.

- Friday, March 17th
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- [**Registration Link**](#)
- Webpage with [**all webinar dates and registration links**](#).

**CHILD CARE CAPACITY
ACCELERATOR**



KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET

Community Grant Opportunity



Professional Development Opportunities

Kansas Parents As Teachers Association

Kansas Parents As Teachers Association (KPATA) offers FREE trainings for teachers, educators, and parents. Each month features a new topic relevant to early childhood and family issues. Check the [KPATA website](#) to see what's happening next!



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

Connections Matter in Early Childhood

Learn about trainings [**HERE**](#)

Kids These Days Podcast

with Ruddy Benavides, Sarah Holmes & Stephanie Haney

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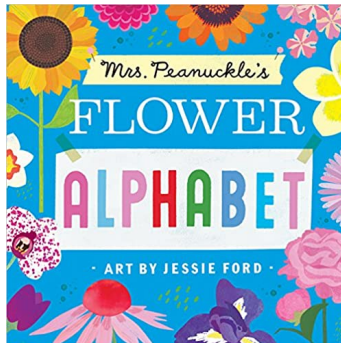


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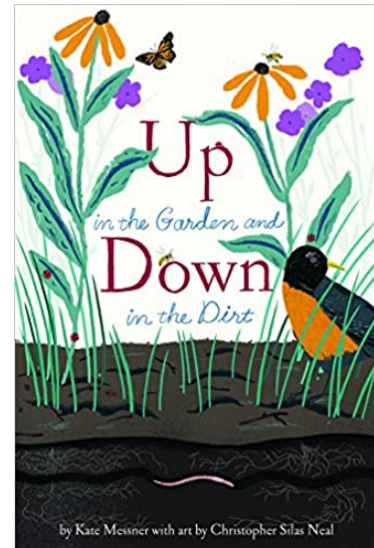
Spring Book Recommendations



Join in the rainy-day fun, as kids splash through the puddles, affecting another weather enthusiast, a nearby worm. An imaginative and playful story, readers will love seeing the worm delight in the weather just as much as the kids.



From the aster to the zinnia, Mrs. Peanuckle introduces very young children to 26 types of flowers from across the globe. For each one, she offers a single defining characteristic, some of them very surprising. With bold, colorful pages, strong graphic art, and exciting design, these flowers are certain to be remembered by the children and adults who share this book.



Explore the secret realm beneath the dirt that brings the world of nature to life: Follow a young girl and her grandmother on a journey through the year planning, planting, and harvesting their garden—and learn about what's happening in the dirt to help make it all happen.

Recipe Roundup

Berry Blast Smoothie

Ingredients

- 6 cups low-fat or non-fat unflavored milk
- 4 cups mixed berries, frozen

Directions

1. Add all ingredients to a blender. Mix on high until smooth.
2. Serve 1 1/4 cup per child immediately as a cold, refreshing smoothie.

One serving provides 1/2 cup fruit and 3/4 cup fluid milk.

CACFP Approved



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

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