



CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
COALITION OF KANSAS

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Members of CCPC

A message from your president

CCPC President - Angie Carnes

As I headed into summer, I took a little time to reflect on the last few months, and I asked myself...Does my work with children bring me joy?

In the past I'm not sure how I would have answered that question. I was burned out, I truly dreaded starting my daily routine. I felt like ALL my time was going into my childcare business and I had lost the fire that I once had for teaching. I had to step back and ask myself some hard questions. With a few big changes I was able to reignite that fire. Now even with the ups and downs, the daily routines and a few tears...my answer is YES!

I have been blessed to be trusted by my families to care for their most precious treasures. My daily interactions with the children in my care feed my passion. With every "Miss Angie look at this picture!" my heart burst to witness their creativity. With every "Look at the ramps I built!" my faith in child-led play grows stronger. With every "Look I did it!" my passion grows stronger for trusting children through all their struggles and their accomplishments. I can confidently say that I am sending the children I care for out into the world with a strong foundation with stuff that matters... confidence, determination, curiosity, perseverance, compassion, and patience. I know what I am doing is making a difference.

I challenge you to ask yourself...does my job bring me joy? Make a list, write down the things that make you smile, make you proud or accomplishments you have made over the last year. If you are struggling, maybe it's time to make a few changes. Big or little changes can make a huge impact! I am proof that making changes and finding joy in the work you do every day is worth it.

I truly believe that you all are making a difference and CCPC is here to support you in your child care journey.

What's Going on with the CCPC Board?

Advocacy

Committee Member-Desiree Streight

Advocacy is not just about going to the capital and talking to our legislators. It is about speaking up and sharing with others the importance of what we do each day. Teachers who work for school districts have a plethora of people to work together for a common goal and advocate for one another. We often see on the news, different recognitions about teacher of the month and money being donated to their classrooms.

During the pandemic we heard how important we were. How essential we were. Now more than ever we need to keep reminding society of those things, but where do we start? Here are a few ideas to guide you...

- Create a public place to promote your business and all the important things happening. I have a public Facebook page where I share the training I attend, awards received, the grants my program participates in, explorations such as hatching butterflies, and more.
- Connect with your local chamber of commerce
 - We work long hours for our business and that is what it is “a business”. Being a part of the chamber can increase credibility and visibility, offer opportunities for networking and personal development, provides access to valuable resources, discounts, and relationships that help businesses save money and market their products, and creates support and assistance in times of trouble.
- Connect and sign up for emails with advocacy organizations that are watching legislation for child care such as
 - Kansas Action for Children
 - National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
 - National Association Education for the Young Child (NAEYC)
 - Child Care Aware
 - Defending the Early Years (DEY)
- (And more)

I hope these few ideas help you begin your journey of advocacy!

SAVE THE DATE CCPC

FALL PROVIDER RETREAT

OCTOBER 5TH - 6TH

Regional Professional Development

CCPC Welcomes New Board Members!



Leslie Waggoner

Member at Large
Saline County

I operate Learn N Play Child Care in Salina and have been licensed since 1997. I have been very busy raising my 5 kids and 5 bonus step kids for the last 31 years. I still have 3 kids at home, 2 freshmen, and a senior!!

I completed a child care course at Salina Area Technical College during high school, and was hired as a teacher assistant daily after school and during the summer at Salina Child Care Center for 2 years. I loved working with the kids. I couldn't wait to graduate, get a house, and open my own daycare. I became a CNA right after high school because adults in my life knew I enjoyed taking care of children, and I was told I could make more money and work toward my dream of having my own daycare. I learned that my spark is not just in being a care provider but in working with children. I then spent 18 months working as a para at one of the local high schools. I assisted students who were considered "at risk." As I learned more and more about their lives, I realized many of the reasons they were at risk were due to poor early childhood settings and education. I liked the students, but my spark was in early childhood education, and I could hopefully help children before they became at risk.

I soon opened my own daycare. I'm one of those people who believes that when you take something on, you need to put forth your best effort. Growing up, I was taught both "Don't bite off more than you can chew and don't put too many irons into the fire." I have spent the last 31 years being both a dedicated mom and child care provider.

I feel like I'm finally able to add more to my plate so to speak and am happy to join the CCPC board. I help many providers in our area get started by mentoring them. I enjoy helping them acquire the necessary equipment, write handbooks and procedures, and set up their home programs. I love attending in person classes, Zoom classes, and especially conferences. My friends and family say I eat, sleep, and breathe child care. It's my passion. I've wanted to be a child care provider since I aged out of my child care center at age 6. I can't imagine enjoying any other career as much as I love being a provider.



Venicia Doubrava

Member at Large
Ellsworth County

My name is Venicia Doubrava and I have been a Family Child Care provider for 34 years in Ellsworth. I have five grown children, two beautiful granddaughters, with another grandbaby expected in late December.

I have provided child care through MANY of life's changes including a growing family and homeschooling my own children. I was even able to homeschool one of my Day Care children during the Covid shutdown.

I am passionate about child-led play and learning, with a special emphasis on early childhood literacy. You will often find me with several children curled up on my lap reading books of interest to the kiddos. My husband is notorious for bringing home critters he finds on the jobsite to share with the kiddos.

I hold an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education, and I am always on the lookout for new and different trainings to expand my knowledge. After 34 years, I am now caring for some of my original day care children's children. I am hoping that as a member of the board of CCPC, I will be able to encourage other providers, help retain current providers, and to recruit new providers to the field of child care. Quality Child Care is vital to everyone!! Children are our most precious resource and early childhood care and learning is crucial.



Jamie Brown

Member at Large
Douglas County

My name is Jamie Brown and I live in Lawrence. I have a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from K-State with a focus in Special Education. I also have my master in Elementary Education from Baker University.

I was a public school teacher for 13 years, spending most of those years teaching 1st grade. I opened up my own in home child care program, Little Elephants Learn and Play, in July 2023. I live in Lawrence, with my husband and 3 children ages 12, 8 and 4.

I have had a passion for working with children ever since I can remember. Running my own child care program has been a dream and I am beyond happy that I am finally able to do so! I use a play-based philosophy in my program. I love watching kids drive and create their own learning opportunities through play!

I would love to become more involved in the community. I miss being a part of a group with a voice! I'd also love the chance to network and get to know more people in the business.

CCPC Welcomes Back



Desiree Streight

Executive Board - Secretary - Re-elect
Kingman County

I am the current CCPC secretary. I also serve as the RPDPC committee chair and am on the advocacy committee as well as the conference committee.

I operate Little Explorers Playschool, a NAFCC accredited family child care program, in Kingman KS. I have 17 years of experience working with children 7 of which have been in her own program.

I joined CCPC to connect with other providers across the state. I joined the board to have an opportunity to represent rural providers. Since I have been on the board, I have discovered that as a board we are able to do some amazing things for the family child care providers for the state of KS such as bringing the family child care provider voices to many tables that are working to change the landscape of child care. I look forward to continuing to represent my fellow colleagues.

Collaborating Partners



The National CACFP Association is offering a Virtual Summit that will take place on August 14-15 and August 21-22. Attending the summit can provide up to 16.5 hours of CEU's. If you are interest in more information or would like to apply for a



Child Care Quality Improvement System (CCQIS)

Links to Quality (L2Q)

Exciting news from L2Q coming soon! Watch for updates in this newsletter and through email from Child Care Aware of Kansas!

Regional Community Consultants (RCC)

We welcome Allison Harris to our team of Regional Community Consultants. Allison will serve the NW area. If you would like to reach out to her connect via email Allison.harris@ks.childcareaware.org.

CLASS observations are available across the state to licensed providers that would like some support from an RCC. CLASS is a tool that assesses interactions, but it also provides the ability to measure and improve the interactions that matter most for children's outcomes. And it's a journey of continuous improvement that is data-driven.

Shared Services Network Hubs

A new grant year begins July 1st so be sure to connect with your Network Hub representative or RCC to find out what services are continuing & what new ones are available. You can find contact information for the Network Hub representative by clicking on your county.

Child Care Health Consultant Network (CCHC)

We regret to inform you that the Child Care Health Consultant Network services has ended due to funding. This decision does not reflect the outstanding work and dedication of the team, which has greatly supported health and safety in child care programs.

Child Care Aware of Kansas is still here to support your early childhood needs, find additional support on our website.

Moving forward, the Regional Community Consultants will support providers through their work.





Child Care Licensing would like to remind you about our new inquiry forms!
We will use the forms as the main mode of communication with our program.

Why have we made this change?

- To ensure we capture all the information we need up front the first time you contact us.
- To decrease the need for back-and-forth communications, allowing us to meet your needs faster and more efficiently.
- To reduce wait times for answers as staff will have a single channel of incoming communication.
- To provide the staff who supports that work directly with your request. (CLARIS inquiries, applications, background checks)
- To reduce being transferred to different staff to help with your needs.
- To provide you a date stamped confirmation that we have received your inquiry.

The landing page for all forms can found through [this direct link to our website](#). This link can also be found in the right-hand panel under the "Contact Us" portion of the main page of our website within the link that states "Contact Child Care Licensing".

All application related documents should still be sent to our office through [this email address](#).

Thank you for your cooperation with this process as we continue to find ways to better serve you!

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2024-25

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Toddlers That Won't Go to Bed (Solutions from Eileen Henry) UNUSUALLY - JANET LANSBURY 7/17 1:00-2:30 PM	★ DEIA Lunch and Learn AND Webinar 2 8/1 1:00 - 2:00PM 8/29 1:00 - 2:00PM	<i>Part B/C</i> Understanding Services 9/19 1:00-2:30 PM
SEPTEMBER CONT.	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
★ DEIA Lunch & Learn 2 9/12 1:00-2:00 PM	Talking With Families DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING 10/3 1:00-2:30 PM	★ PARENT Health Literacy 11/14 1:00-2:30 PM
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Home Safe Home Cherie Sage 1/16 1:00-2:30 PM	★ How Do Protection From Abuse Orders Work in KS? 2/20 1:00-5:00PM	<i>Screen Sandy</i> 3/27 1:00-2:30 PM
APRIL	MAY	OTHER NOTES:
★ Child Abuse & Neglect KCSL 4/17 1:00-2:30 PM	★ Substance Use Disorder KANQUIT DATE AND TIME TBD	*Please use Bee to catch up on a recorded training *No Training in June

★ INDICATES A PATNC QUALITY STANDARD TRAINING REQUIREMENT

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

PARENT EDUCATORS AND COORDINATORS
KPATA BRIGHT FUTURES 2024-25

OAE Refresher 12/11 1:00 PM Virtual Training for Home Visitors That Have Previously Received Initial OAE Training	ASQ For New Parent Educators PLEASE REACH OUT TO HILARY REGARDING TRAINING AVAILABILITY/NEED
HIPAA REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING FOR BRIGHT FUTURES PROVIDERS 8/28 1:00 PM	ADDITIONAL LUNCH & LEARN CONVERSATIONS Watch the KPATA Newsletter for Dates/Times ONGOING
KPATA SPRING Learning Event *SAVE THE DATE COMING SOON APRIL 2025	

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TRAINING SCHEDULE

EXCLUSIVE FOR COORDINATORS
BRIGHT FUTURES 2024-25

SUMMER	JULY BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM MEETING 7/15 1:00-2:30 PM
AUTUMN	NOVEMBER Fall Pick-Off In-Person KSD COORDINATOR MEETING DATE/TIME TBD
WINTER	JANUARY BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM MEETING 1/15 1:00-2:30 PM
Early SPRING	APRIL COORDINATOR CONVERSATION KPATA SPRING EVENT

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Meeting the Required Trainings from PATNC

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Kansas Parent Action Network

Quality Standard #27

★ IDENTIFIED ON THE MAIN TRAINING CALENDAR WITH A PINK STAR.

- Child Abuse and Neglect -**
KCSL Child Abuse and Neglect Training
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion -**
Multiple DEIA Webinars and Lunch & Learn Opportunities Available
- Intimate Partner Violence -**
Protection Orders 101
- Caregiver & Child Health and Wellness -**
Parent Health Literacy
- Substance Use Disorder -**
KanQuit



Legislative News

Despite being a whirlwind, the legislative session ended pretty quietly for child care issues. Many of the ideas we advanced throughout the session were stopped when the Senate chose not to vote on SB 96. That bill included the Office of Early Childhood, which would have streamlined many aspects of the early childhood system. Our disappointment is tinted with relief, however, because the bill also included last-minute changes that deregulated child care and threatened the safety of children. Since there was no meaningful opposition to the Office of Early Childhood, it gives us hope that we can reintroduce the idea in 2025.

Thankfully the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC) component of SB 96 lived on in the tax bill that was signed into law following a one-day special session in mid-June. The CDCTC provides families a tax credit for the tuition they pay toward child care. The federal limits allow a family to receive up to \$1050

for one dependent or up to \$2100 for two or more on their federal taxes. Currently families may receive up to 25% of the federal limit of the CDCTC when they file their state taxes. Our legislators stood together with bipartisan support, recognizing the importance of supporting Kansas families. With the increase to 50%, families will see their state CDCTC credit double!

Agency News

Earlier in June, DCF held a public hearing for the updated CCDF State Plan. The Child Care Development Fund is the subsidy that provides child care assistance for families and for quality improvement in facilities. Every three years, the state is obligated to present an updated state plan for the fund. KAC offered the only public comment.

Points we suggested for DCF to consider:

- Make the system easier to access and use for families
- Support efforts to make care more affordable for families, even if that means requesting more money from the Legislature.
- Consider higher income eligibility limits, even if that means paying for it with state general fund dollars.
- Reduce barriers and burdens to make participation easier for providers
- Increase reimbursement rates and use more efficient payment methods to increase the number of providers who participate

Similarly, KDHE held a public hearing about the regulation change proposals for facilities. We offered public comment there also. We recognize the work that KDHE and the child care community put forth toward these changes. KAC is grateful that the changes reduce the burden on providers, offer flexibility to families, and are focused upon the safety of children. We asked KDHE to consider how they inform the community about the changes and ensure that the new regulations are explained thoroughly to reduce confusion and conflict.

KAC is proud of all of the people who are dedicated to making our early childhood system stronger. Ideally, we will see the result of that work soon. We encourage each person in the early childhood system to keep up the good work.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

CDA SCHOLARSHIPS

- CDA Application Fee (Initial and Renewal)
- CDA Training Track and Application Fee (Initial and Renewal)

DIRECTORS CREDENTIAL

- State Directors Credential
- National Directors Credential

FACILITY ACCREDITATIONS

- NAFCC Accreditation
- NAEYC Accreditation

CHILD CARE PROVIDER SCHOLARSHIPS

- In-Service
- State Conference
- National Conference
- Higher Education
- Pediatric First Aid CPR

SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDER SCHOLARSHIPS

- Pediatric first aid/CPR instructor certification
- Training of trainers
- In-state Conference
- National Conference



Visit the KCCTO scholarship webpage for all scholarship details and updates. It is also important to read the policies & procedures for the scholarship type you are applying for prior to submitting your application online.



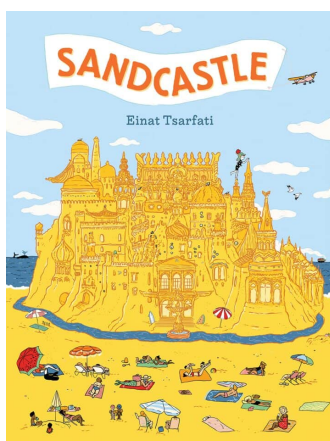
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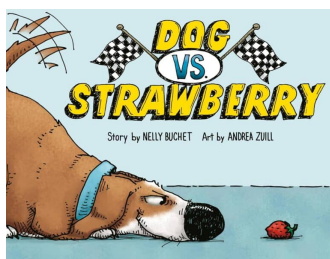
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Book Recommendations



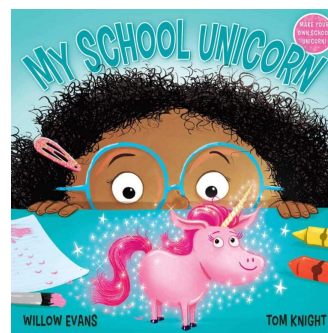
[Sandcastle](#) by Einat Tsarfati

What happens when this little girl builds a sandcastle? She makes a castle with turrets and domes that kings and queens visit and host grand parties. But the guests don't like the sand food or the sand in their clothes, so how will the little girl fix things? (A sand ball fight!)



Dog Vs. Strawberry written by Nelly Buchet, illustrated by Andrea Zuill

HILARIOUS x a million! An car racing announcer gives readers the play-by-play scoop as this dog races...a strawberry. "A strong start for Dog, leaning left, while Strawberry, impassive, doesn't take the bait." There's mayhem, there's a quick nap, and the finish is...too close to call, but wait— can Dog win after all? I laughed out loud and so will you and your readers.



My School Unicorn written by Willow Evans, illustrated by Tom Knight

Evie is feeling wobbly about going to school so at the school uniform store, the store clerk suggests Evie bring a school unicorn. The teeny-tiny unicorn named Bobby helps her whenever she feels worried. He gives her a nuzzle or hops up on her shoulder, and she feels better. With Bobby, all the new things at school didn't feel so scary. By Saturday, Evie's wobbles have gone away, so she gives Bobby back to the uniform store so he can help someone else. Your kids will love that the back page has a traceable picture of Bobby so you can make your own unicorn. (I also love the single dad vibe of this story!)

Recipe Roundup

Broccoli Chicken Quesadilla

Serving Size: 8

Ingredients

- 1/2 lb (1 1/2 cups) shredded cooked chicken
- 1 tsp taco seasoning
- 8 whole-wheat tortillas (6 inches)
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups shredded Mexican blend cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped cooked broccoli



Directions

1. Combine chicken and taco seasoning in a bowl.
2. Brush one side of each tortilla with butter and place butter-side down on a lightly greased baking sheet.
3. Spoon 1/4 cup of chicken mixture on half of each tortilla. Sprinkle 1 tbsp of

broccoli and then 1/4 cup of cheese on top.

4. Fold plain side of tortilla over mix. Repeat for remaining seven tortillas and bake at 375° F for 9-11 minutes or until golden brown.

One quesadilla provides 1 oz eq. grains and 1 1/2 oz eq meat/meat alternate

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

[Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition](#)





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