

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR APRIL 22, 2020



WELCOME

- **Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund Meeting – April 24th**
 - Virtual meeting is open to the public
 - Zoom link to participate is available online = <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/cabinet-meetings-and-minutes/>
- **Child Care Action Lab Grants – Round Two**
 - 137 Total Grants Awarded - \$500 each
 - Selected from the original 1,782 applications
 - Emails sent to awarded providers April 22nd

General Updates



EARLY CHILDHOOD STRATEGIC PLAN

➤ **Goals** (with Strategies, Tactics, and Indicators of Success)

- State-Level Coordination
- Community-Level Coordination
- Family Knowledge and Choice
- Private Sector Collaboration
- Capacity and Access
- Workforce
- Quality and Environments

➤ **Available Online** - Children's Cabinet Website <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/strategic-plan/>

Strategic Plan



STORIES FROM KANSANS

- **We want to hear the stories of Kansans – Understand Impact.**
 - Personal experiences; needs, challenges, and struggles; reflections on bright spots.
 - Help meet needs. Prioritize efforts to support what is working and try new ideas.
 - Used by decision-makers at all levels to understand impact and what next steps to take.
- **Help Collect Stories**
 - Get a custom URL for your organization or group.
 - Become a Citizen Journalist – stipends available.
 - Reach out to ourtomorrows@ku.edu.

Our Tomorrows



STORIES FROM KANSANS

➤ How?

- Anonymous, online link – <https://ourtomorro.ws/KCCTF>
- Brief description of an experience you want to share from:
 - Past week – could be COVID-19 related
 - A general time of family thriving or surviving
- Survey questions about this experience - 5-15 minutes
- Share as many stories as often as you'd like.

Our Tomorrows



GENERAL STATE RESOURCES

- **Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund** – <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/>
- **Kansas Department of Health and Environment** – <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/>
- **Kansas Department of Labor** – <https://www.dol.ks.gov/covid19response>
- **Kansas Department of Commerce** – <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/covid-19-response/>

Resources for Kansans



KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- **Kansas Department for Children and Families Website** - <http://dcf.ks.gov>
 - Applications for food assistance, cash assistance, and child care assistance
- **Hero Relief Program** - <http://ksherorelief.com/>
 - Child care subsidies to eligible health care workers, first responders and other essential workers
 - Stipends and grants to assist child care providers during the pandemic
- **Kansas Quality Network** - <https://ksqualitynetwork.org/>
 - Resources for the advancement, support and recognition of continuous quality improvement efforts in child care in Kansas

Resources for Kansans



KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

➤ **Child care subsidies to eligible health care workers, first responders and other essential workers.**

➤ **Includes:**

- Health care workers
(including RNs, other medical professionals and health care support workers, hospital and laboratory staff)
- First responders
(including law enforcement, fire and rescue, and other public safety workers)
- Food and agriculture workers
- National Guard
- Judicial branch
(essential services)
- Child and adult protective service specialists
- Child care providers caring for children of eligible workers listed above

➤ **Income Eligibility:**

- Countable gross income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level.
- Avg family of four = monthly income of \$5,458.
- Families will receive full DCF subsidy amount based on their family size, with no family-share deduction.

Hero Relief Program



<http://ksheroorelief.com/>

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

➤ Temporary stipends and grants to assist child care providers

- Supply grants to assist with pandemic related expenses like gloves, disinfectants, soap and other necessary items.
- **Open** KDHE-licensed family and center child care providers and relative providers enrolled with DCF in purchasing supplies that may include but are not limited to: *thermometers, gloves, soap, disinfectants, cleaning wipes, paper towels, trash bags, paperware, cleaning tools.*
- **3 months'** worth of supplies.
- **Award Amounts:**
 - Family CC Providers = \$750
 - Small CC Centers = \$1,500
 - Large CC Centers = \$3,000
 - Relative Providers = \$750

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➤ Temporary stipends and grants to assist child care providers

- Sustainability stipends for all KDHE-Licensed family and center child care providers and relative providers enrolled with DCF to help pay for ongoing expenses like food, supplies, labor and rent/mortgage.
- **All items on an operating budget** such as: *enrollment, food, supplies, labor, benefits, rent/mortgage, maintenance, equipment, utilities, licensing fees, mileage, advertising, office supplies, professional development, phone/internet, classroom supplies, liability/accident insurance, and software.*
- **Award Amounts:**
 - Family CC Providers = \$250 per month for up to 6 months
 - Small CC Centers = \$500 per month for up to 6 months
 - Large CC Centers = \$1,000 per month for up to 6 months
 - Relative providers = \$250 per month for up to 6 months

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➤ **Temporary stipends and grants to assist child care providers – *Coming Soon!***

- Emergency worker support bonuses – a one-time bonus to providers who care for children of health care workers and first responders.
- Revenue replacement subsidies for DCF enrolled child care providers.

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➤ To Apply - Providers

- Hero Relief Program grant application may be accessed at:
 - www.ksherorelief.com, or
 - <https://www.ks.childcareaware.org/heroreliefprogram/>
- Child Care Aware will be administering the Supply and Sustainability Grants
 - Please call 1-855-750-3343 or email grants@ks.childcareaware.org for assistance
 - Printed applications are available by calling 1-855-750-3343

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➤ To Apply - Families

- Apply Online for Hero Relief Program funds at:
 - www.ksherorelief.com, or
 - <https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apsspssp/sspNonMed.portal>
 - *Create login, then select "child care assistance" application in the portal*
- Written applications available in plastic bins outside DCF offices or online at:
 - http://content.dcf.ks.gov/EES/KEESM/Forms/ES-3100_05-19.pdf

Hero Relief Program



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LISTENING

- Questions?
- General Questions, Ideas, Concerns = <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/share/>





Thank you!

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Share Updates and Questions

