

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR MAY 6, 2020



WELCOME

- Webinar established for B-5 Preschool Development Grant
- Our Tomorrows Story Link
- Early Childhood Care and Education Strategic Plan
- State Agency Updates
- Child Care Re-Opening Considerations and Discussion
- Our Tomorrows Story Scans and Discussion

Webinar Agenda



SHARE YOUR STORY

- Take 5-10 minutes to share your story!
- <https://ourtomorro.ws/PDGWebinar>
- Story can be about you and your family, or someone you know and support.
- Story insights and trends later in the webinar.

Our Tomorrows



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



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

State Agency Updates



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.
 - APPLY HERE: <https://ks.childcareaware.org/heroreliefprogram/>
- Sustainability stipends to help pay for ongoing expenses like food, supplies, labor and rent/mortgage.
 - APPLY HERE: <https://ks.childcareaware.org/heroreliefprogram/>
- **COMING SOON:** Revenue replacement subsidies for DCF-enrolled child care providers and Emergency worker support bonuses

State Agency Updates



<http://ksherorelief.com/>

KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **Locate a Summer Food Service Program Site Near You!**
 - Now available at www.kn-eat.org - click: “Summer Food Service Program” and then “Locate a Site Near You”
 - Households can also text “Summer Meals” to 97779 to find Summer meal sites
- Kansas State Board of Education meets Tuesday, May 12.
- 2020-2021 Guidance
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

State Agency Updates



KANSAS CHILDREN'S CABINET AND TRUST FUND

- **Early Childhood Recommendations Panel**
 - Approved by the Cabinet Board at April 24th meeting
 - Will begin meeting monthly starting in July, 2020.
- **Department of Commerce Resource** – Community Service Tax Credit
 - Competitive tax credits awarded to nonprofits to undertake major capital fund-raising drives for various projects. In 2020, \$1 million of credits available are designated for child care centers. – <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/programs-services/community-development/community-service-tax-credit-program/>
- **Next Children's Cabinet Meeting** – Friday, June 5th

State Agency Updates



CHILD CARE – RE-OPENING DISCUSSION

- **American Academy of Pediatrics - Guidance Related to Childcare During COVID-19**
 - List of FAQs and best practices offered by CDC
 - <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/guidance-related-to-childcare-during-covid-19/>
- **National Association for the Education of Young Children – Forums**
 - <https://hello.naeyc.org/home>
 - Conversations and resources from providers across the country.

Resources for Kansans



CHILD CARE – RE-OPENING DISCUSSION

- **How many families are seeking care?**
- **What would it take for you to re-open?**
- **Do you have the cleaning supplies you need?**
- **What financial considerations are top of mind for you?** (ex. enrollment challenges, family ability to pay, paying to clean, paying staff, are you enrolled to take DCF subsidy?)
- **What health and safety considerations are top of mind for you?** (ex. staff feel un/safe to return to work, capacity to maintain clean environment, you feel un/safe to open your home, etc.)

Resources for Kansans



KANSAS STORIES – REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

- Scan of Your Stories
- Trends and Patterns
- Continue this discussion by Sharing Your Story:
<https://ourtomorro.ws/PDGWebinar>

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LISTENING

- Questions?
- Child Care Providers - Encouraged to Contact Your Local Surveyor for health and safety guidance.
- General Questions, Ideas, Concerns = <https://kschildrenscabinet.org/share/>





Thank you!

[KSCCHILDRENSCABINET.ORG/SHARE](https://kschildrenscabinet.org/share)

Share Updates and Questions

