

Early Childhood Development – Community Vision Planning

Session I - September 22, 2020

Zoom Webinar Chat Transcript

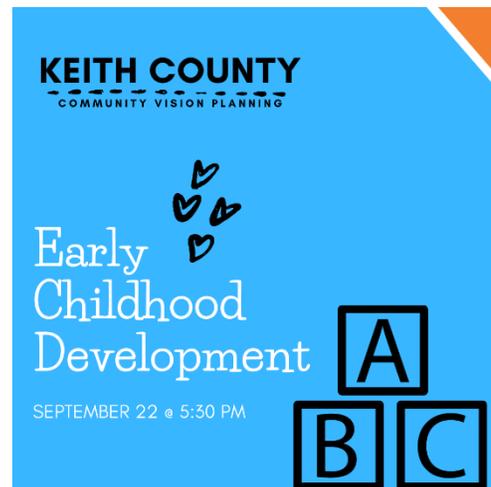
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Hosted by: Keith County Area Development and Keith County Foundation Fund

Moderated by: Nicole Sedlacek, NPPD

Opening Remarks: Neb. State Senator Matt Williams

- 00:56:13 Gerri and Joe Thomas: Hospital, Pediatrics, neighborhood parks, museums, lake
- 00:56:50 Cheryl Roche: KIKC, Try it Out Thursdays
- 00:57:00 Gerri and Joe Thomas: sports complex
- 00:57:31 Gerri and Joe Thomas: 4H, dance studios, gymnastics
- 00:57:32 Cheryl Roche: Community Connect Day
- 00:57:40 Jessop Adams: Organized kids sports, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4H
- 00:58:07 Cheryl Roche: Early Development Network
- 00:58:21 Pete Peterson: Faith-based education (church school, Bible school, etc.)
- 00:58:24 Cheryl Roche: Head Start
- 00:58:25 Michelle Kimberly-Rhoades: Awareness by a significant number of leaders from cross sections of the community represented taking about the value of early childhood and the beginning of understanding that daycare and quality childcare are not necessarily synonymous. We are talking as a community about are kids and family needs.
- 00:59:02 Angela Kolste: kids oasis
- 01:06:47 ken Snyder: rooted in relationships
- 01:11:52 ken Snyder: what is pyramid training?
- 01:13:37 Jackie Anderson: it is the early childhood piece tied to PBIS(positive behavior interventions and systems) in place at school.
- 01:21:46 heatherorth: I like how Michelle is emphasizing being asset-based in our thinking rather than deficit-based.



- 01:22:13 Keith County Area Development (KCAD): Agreed, Heather!
- 01:22:29 Michelle Kimberly-Rhoades: Way to Go Kayla!!! That is a great accomplishment!!!
- 01:25:17 Kayla Schmittler: also the childcare providers have connected and continue to work with some of the preschool and kindergarten teachers
- 01:25:19 Gerri and Joe Thomas: Kayla, your story and accomplishments are inspiring. Thanks for sharing.
- 01:26:02 jobrown: Much better awareness!
- 01:27:19 Cheryl Roche: Importance of early childhood development and also knowledge of brain development
- 01:27:21 ken Snyder: employers that subsidize childcare for employees
- 01:27:38 Lore Beckius: I would like more people to be aware of the importance of early child development. I would love to see a children museum and more activities that will help kids to develop skills ❤️.
- 01:28:05 Michelle Kimberly-Rhoades: In 5 years I would like to see ample openings in Preschools to accommodate all children within our community that are ages 3-4.
- 01:28:42 Gerri and Joe Thomas: A Center of Excellence for early childhood development and education.
- 01:28:50 Michelle Kimberly-Rhoades: Also in 3 years adequate quality infant care to meet the needs of our community.
- 01:28:51 ken Snyder: community support for expanded hours of child care
- 01:28:58 Jana Jensen: Ample space for infants, without that, families won't be coming to Ogallala.
- 01:29:49 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Exploring a cooperative that elevates our providers and increased pay and/or benefits
- 01:30:29 Jackie Anderson: local availability for early childhood mental health.
- 01:30:38 Shelly McQuillan: need night and weekend child care
- 01:31:05 Pete Peterson: Affordability would not be an issue to any family.
- 01:31:29 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Yes, Pete!
- 01:32:47 Michelle Kimberly-Rhoades: Within 5 years greater access and understanding of the desperate need for early childhood mental health services and improved responses to childhood trauma as a community.
- 01:32:55 ken Snyder: financial support supplied directly to childcare workers by government

- 01:33:05 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Our state average for number of families with 2 parents that work: 75%. Keith County's average is 80%. We need to provide the opportunity for quality licensed care for all children.
- 01:34:06 Elise Lockhart: Continued development of our library services and other literacy efforts for young children.
- 01:34:30 heatherorth: This awareness of the importance of quality early childhood experiences is happening across the nation. In 2020, the first early-childhood educator won this national honor (given by the Council of Chief State School Officers). She teaches as a preschool teacher that is located inside a retirement community in the small town of Winfield, Kansas. Both intergenerational and innovative!
- 01:34:49 heatherorth: 2020 Teacher of the Year
- 01:35:54 ken Snyder: I dream that tonight's group finds makes a unified effort to support childcare
- 01:35:57 heatherorth: Are there parenting classes being offered within the community to help support families?
- 01:36:35 Jackie Anderson: circle of security periodically
- 01:37:07 Jennifer Pfeifer: Rooted in Relationships is working on offering more Circle of Security classes and also at least 1 parent pyramid class will be offered before June 2021.
- 01:38:45 Pete Peterson: Are there any Nebraska communities similar in size to Ogallala/Keith County that would be considered a model for early childhood development?
- 01:38:52 Kayla Schmittler: I do want to speak on the mention of night and weekend childcare that was brought up. Our community had a childcare provider who offers this and they currently only have one night child and three weekend children. Not sure where the rest go but that isn't very encouraging for people to offer this.
- 01:39:02 jobrown: Great Question Cheryl. How do we get information to the parents?
- 01:40:24 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Gothenburg is doing great things, too
- 01:41:27 ken Snyder: tell us more about Red Cloud please
- 01:41:44 Rachel Sissel: McCook has really great approach to building on current system of early childhood providers. York is another community that works hard to support providers through a provider network! And Gothenburg, yes...is working towards a co-op approach.
- 01:41:54 Jana Jensen: Ken, I will get more information about Red Cloud to you.
- 01:42:31 Bruce Smith: I need to leave the meeting. I have a Council meeting starting at 7. Thank you for allowing me to listen in to all of the great conversation concerning early childhood development.

- 01:42:48 Jana Jensen: Thanks Rachel for sharing those other communities!
- 01:43:31 Rachel Sissel: McCook also has an approach towards incentivizing creation of infant spots through leveraging funds and employer subsidy.
- 01:44:00 Keith County Area Development (KCAD): <https://www.kcad.org/community-vision-planning.html>
- 01:44:50 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Can participants add their thoughts and ideas to that link post-meeting?
- 01:45:15 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Additional thoughts and ideas ^
- 01:45:20 Jackie Anderson: Gothenburg is doing great work.
- 01:45:59 heatherorth: Thank you!
- 01:46:01 jobrown: Thank you Nicole and Mary
- 01:46:05 Jackie Anderson: thanks!!
- 01:46:10 Pam Abbott, Parent/Former child: Thank you!
- 01:46:10 Angela Kolste: thank you