

KEITH COUNTY

COMMUNITY VISION PLANNING

We are so grateful to all
of you who joined us for
our focus discussion on
Early Childhood
Development
—thank you!!!

YOU'RE NOW IN THE KNOW.

There were several key takeaways from yesterday's conversation, and Nebraska State Senator Matt Williams outlined how thriving children lead to thriving families and to thriving communities.

Here are some examples of the amazing efforts that are already underway in our community:

1. Keith County Communities for Kids (C4K) is working to increase childcare capacity and quality through scholarships and educational incentives for childcare providers, business start-up grants, and incentives for infant care or substitute providers.
2. C4K is also working to hire an early childhood development coordinator and to launch feasibility and impact planning locally for more action.
3. A strong, local-provider network for communication already exists.
4. Local public and parochial schools work closely to offer student services and teach using Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems.

There are *so many good things* happening
here in Keith County.

The most important thing we want to convey is this: **we've begun a two-way conversation.** Thank you for sharing your perspectives on issues that are important to you, your family, and your business. Together, we identified priorities such as:

1. Increasing awareness about the importance of Early Childhood Development and the need for increased mental health capacity for children and parents.
2. Increasing non-traditional day-care hours, pre-school offerings and infant care availability, as well as offering subsidized childcare options for Keith County residents.
3. Defining what a childhood development cooperative can do for Keith County.
4. Supporting parents through classes such as Circle of Security.
5. Creating opportunity for children to participate in activities that will help them develop life skills.

You can continue the conversation by **contacting us** at any time *and* by **participating in one of our upcoming conversations.**

RSVP at each of the following image links:



Our community's journey is ongoing, and we are so glad that you are a part of it. As Sen. Williams said, real change begins with a vision. As we outline our vision, we now we have the opportunity to be "Action Heroes" for early childhood development here in Keith County.

**KEEP IN TOUCH. STAY UP TO DATE. SEE WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.
ALL IN ONE PLACE.**



TRACK OUR PROGRESS

Our community's future is in our hands.
Here's to progress,

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