



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT #2

October 13, 2020



RECAP

- 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.
- C4K is also working to hire an early childhood development coordinator and to launch feasibility and impact planning locally for more action.
- A strong, local-provider network for communication already exists.
- Local public and parochial schools work closely to offer student services and teach using Positive Behavioral Intervention Systems.

KEITH COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSETS

- Keith County - Communities for Kids (C4K)
- Rooted in Relationships
- Library & ECE Initiatives
- Pool
- Rec Center
- Movie Theatre
- Parks
- Bike Path
- Splash Pad
- ESU16
- Public/Parochial Schools
- 13 Licensed Providers
- Special education teachers
- Speech, Language, Art teachers
- Biennial Community Block Party
- Circle of Security
- Rendevous
- Hospital
- Pediatrics
- Lake
- Parks
- Museums
- KIKC
- Try It Out Thursdays
- 4-H
- Dance Studios
- Gymnastics
- Community Connect Day
- Organized Sports
- Faith-based education
- Head Start
- Leadership
- Kids Oasis



PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

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

SPECIFIC GOALS IDENTIFIED

- In five years, there will be ample openings in preschools to accommodate all children ages 3-4 within our community.
- In three years, there will be adequate quality infant care to meet the needs of our community.
- Within five years, there will be greater access and understanding of the desperate need for early childhood & family mental health services and improved responses to childhood trauma as a community.
 - Time, reliable transportation
- **Within the next year**, conduct a market analysis to determine exactly what our needs are. (also measure public awareness & quality of care)
- Provide training support and schooling for childcare providers. **ALREADY ON-GOING**



SHORT-TERM GOAL

- **Within the next year, conduct a market analysis to determine exactly what our needs are.**
 - C4K efforts, Rooted in Relationships, Schools,
 - What relationships are needed that are not there today? Mental health family support practice, CASA, Women's Resource Center, Public Schools, SCIP, Hospitals/Clinics, Ministerial Association, NCFF, Business leaders, Chamber,
 - What do we need to know more about?
 - What is the scope, who are the partners, and what questions do we want to ask?
 - Current reality – What are we already doing or not doing?
 - Success Indicators – What will be different in 2-3 years?
 - What do we need to do in the next 12 months to move from current reality to 2-3 year goal?
 - Who will be the Responsible Parties to help champion this goal?
 - C4K core committee, Mary/KCAD,
 - Create draft charter – Joe, Darryl, & Mary