

Child Care Advisory Council Meeting
1/19/2023

Call to OrderAndrea Day

The Child Care Advisory Council meeting was duly called by Division of Child Care Director Andrea Day and held virtually via Zoom.

In Attendance

Lynn Baker for GOEC, Bill Buchanan, Chuck Bradley, Andrea Day, Eamonn FitzGerald, Amy Hood, Kathryn Mullen, Tom Poland, Patricia Porter, Laura Tipton, Jennifer Washburn, Thomas Williams for KDE, Sandy Woodall, Amber Zambrano

Review of Minutes..... Open Discussion

Meeting minutes from October were approved.

KDE Update Thomas Williams

Through the American Rescue Plan funds, KDE is supporting an Early Learning Teacher Community. This will allow teachers to come together to share best practices and build upon leadership skills.

KDE is moving forward with their preschool quality section, through their new Grant Management Application and Planning System (GMAP). * School districts will be able to submit a grant application through this new system. This will also be used for planning and data purposes, including tracking KY ALL STAR levels.

Lastly, each year KDE works with some school districts for preschool consolidated monitoring. This monitoring is for collaboration and effective implementation.

GOEC Update Lynn Baker

The Early Childhood institute (ECI) will be held in Lexington at Griffin Gate, April 19th, and 20th. Registration will open on January 25th. GOEC is looking into options to record some sessions for those unable to attend. This ECI will be in partnership with KDE and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

The fall ECI is November 2nd and 3rd. It will be a more traditional setting and be held in Louisville.

GOEC was awarded the Preschool Development Grant they applied for and is 36 million for the next three years. A kick-off meeting will be coming soon with partners. More information will be forthcoming on their website. This grant will highlight building the early childhood workforce, and options for sustaining DCC's projects through the American Rescue Plan.

Sandy Woodall asked who the audience will be for this upcoming ECI. This ECI will be for everyone within the Early Childhood Education community, including child care providers.

Open Discussion..... Tom Poland

Tom Poland inquired on a local community business level, what can be accomplished to ensure early childhood centers are recognized as being important for economic development. All members discussed the importance of ensuring businesses and local communities are aware of the connection between reliable child care and increased, stable employment.

Mike Hammons stated we still have work to complete to ensure the economic development agencies are included as a part of this important conversation and awareness.

Andrea Day stated DCC has a good relationship for the KY Chamber of Commerce. This relationship has become stronger due to working on implementing House Bill 499/Employer Child Care Assistance Program. However, DCC can ensure we are communicating to any economic development sections to make sure they are included.

Andrea Day also stated the importance of including community agencies and programs we may not readily think of including. An example that Jennifer Washburn informed members of is public libraries.

DCC Update..... Andrea Day

Andrea Day shared a PowerPoint during the DCC update.

Andrea Day thanked Sandy Woodall for submitting the approved end of year report.

DCC had a federal monitoring visit the first week of December. This included interviews with local and field staff. We have not received any official results from this visit. However, we are working with our federal technical assistance team to update and revise our state plan. There will be upcoming changes to address non-compliances.

CCAP enrollment has steadily increased.

Month – Year	Number of Families	Number of Children
August 2022	17,841	31,995
September 2022	18,875	33,579
October 2022	19,523	34,648
November 2022	20,425	36,054
December 2022	21,670	38,000

Effective December 1, CCAP is continuing to pay providers based upon enrollment and not attendance.

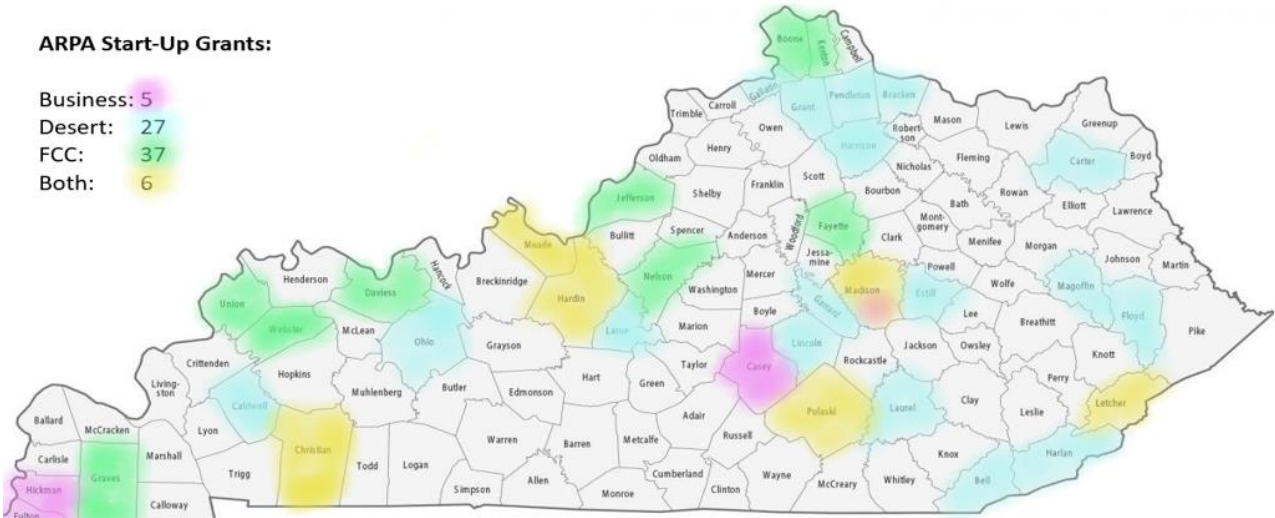
The table below shows the number of families who have benefited from the transitional child care.

Month – Year	Number of Families	Number of Children
April 2022	10	15
May 2022	15	21
June 2022	12	20
July 2022	55	34
August 2022	29	47
September 2022	24	35
October 2022	29	40
November 2022	17	30
December 2022	17	31
Total	208	273

Effective 10/24/2022, child care employees (who work in a licensed or certified center) are considered a protected population. This change allows them to have all earned/unearned household income excluded from their application. However, applicants still must meet all other CCAP technical eligibility, and return all mandatory verification. This change has been an adjustment to field staff, and training continues to be important. DCC is developing a tip sheet for field staff, so the application process is smoother. The first month benefited 226 families/392 children, December benefited 741 families/1,243 children.

The American Rescue Plan projects are ongoing. The stabilization funds are still in process. The fifth payment was released, and the sixth payment will be released this month. The business partnership grant, which is now closed, had a total of five awards. The child care desert grant, which is now closed, had a total of twenty-seven (27) awards. The facility repair grant has a total of nine hundred and six (906) awards. The family childcare start-up grants currently have a total of thirty-seven (37) awards. DCC has increased the family child care start-up grant from \$2500.00 to \$5000.00. Those who were previously approved will receive an additional \$2500.00. DCC hopes more rural areas will take advantage of the grant opportunity.

Andrea shared a map of where the desert and family child care grants have been awarded. (Madison is a county that had a business partnership grant).



Andrea Day and Jessica Cain are looking into other ways the child care community can benefit from the leftover ARPA funds.

Andrea Day then shared an update on the KHEAA scholarships. Most funds have been granted to associate and bachelor’s degrees in Early Childhood Education.

KHEAA Scholarships

- 673 Awards
- 430 individual scholars
- 22 Institutions of Higher Education
 - 51% Universities
 - 49% Community and Technical Colleges
- \$1,406,587 disbursed as of January 13, 2023

DCC is working on the implementation plan for House Bill 499 which creates an employee child care assistance partnership. The regulation (922 KAR 2:165) did pass the Administrative Regulation and Review Subcommittee (ARRS) on January 10, 2023. It will be heard next at the Families and Children Committee. DCC is currently developing policies and procedures; and planning system capabilities that will be operational in approximately April 2024. DCC will hire two additional billing staff, and current CCAP employees will work on the day-to-day operations. A marketing campaign is currently in the planning phase.

Tom Poland stated we are in two federal reserve districts. He suggested we reach out to the federal reserve to discuss this new program to improve economic development.

Mike Hammons inquired if we foresee the program being ongoing. Andrea Day stated the bill does refer to the program as a pilot. Michigan did state this was a barrier to getting employers involved. DCC is hoping to make the program simple for the business community and providers. The data will also be important to capture. DCC does see this program as being long-term, and numerous partners, such as the Chamber of Commerce and United Way are committed to the success of the program as well. Mike Hammons suggested to bring businesses that are interested to meet with DCC and partners.

DCC began participating in Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN-Plus) on January 9,2023. We are one in ten states participating. Usually, a child care program would have to be nationally accredited to participate. This new program will allow a child care program to be a part of the program if they participate in the state’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). There are currently one-hundred and forty-five (145) providers participating. This will significantly benefit military families in finding quality child care not on base.

DCC is working on two new credentials: infant and toddler and school-age. Professional Development staff are working with partners to ensure adequate training to receive these credentials.

DCC will be amending our Registered Provider regulation. We have been found to be in non-compliance surrounding registered provider’s health and safety standards. Therefore, only relatives will be registered, and anyone else will become certified. This will allow us to be in compliance with the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

DCC will also be amending the certified provider regulation to address non-compliances.

Lastly, DCC is currently working on improving consumer education resources. Kayla Standafer is working with our federal TA partners.

Andrea Day inquired if any members had any questions.

Mike Hammons inquired if DCC will be able to sustain any of the ARPA projects with regular funds. Andrea Day stated she has meetings scheduled to address this topic. Sustainability will be the focus of the conversations once the ARPA funds are depleted.

Andrea Day stated The Kentucky Out-Of-School Alliance (KYOSA) will unofficially start becoming members of CCAC. To become official members, the statute would need to be amended. KYOSA will be apart of the agenda for community updates moving forward.

KYOSA..... Stephanie Baker

Stephanie Baker stated their vision is to ensure quality for all school-age children in after-school and out of school (ex. summer camps) programs.

KYOSA is focused on improving access to care for this population of children.

Stephanie Barker shared website links:

[Kentucky's Roadmap to Quality School-Age Child Care for All \(2023-2025\)](#)

[KYOSA Website](#)

[The KYOSA Data Explorer](#)

The Kentucky's Roadmap to Quality School-Age Child Care includes five broad goals for KYOSA.

Andrea Day inquired if the Family Child Care Network (FCCN) had any updates. Sandy Woodall gave an update for Amy Hood. The FCCN continues to recruit new certified family child care homes. The grant increase has increased interest. Lastly, FCCN is collecting data on local zoning ordinances.

Andrea Day inquired if any partners have any community updates.

The next meeting is April 20, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM EST. This will be an in-person meeting (with a virtual option as well).

Adjourn

Andrea Day made a call to adjourn the Child Care Advisory Council meeting.