## **Cherokee County**

2015 Workforce Study Child Care Profile



Child Care Resource and Referral Agency

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Since 1990, Child Care Aware® of Kansas has worked to ensure families have access to afforable, high-quality child care. We improve child care quality and advocate for changes that impact the lives of children and families.

Through four regional Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs), our network provides services to every county in Kansas. These services include:

- Helping families find child care
- Supporting child care providers to improve quality
- Providing consumer education information about quality child care
- Collecting data about child care trends

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#### **Children Needing Child Care**

NUMBER OF REFERRAL CALLS BY AGE		
Under Age One	21	
Ages One to Two	24	
Ages Three to Five	25	
Ages Six and older	9	
Total Number of Children Needing Child Care Referrals	79	

NUMBER OF REFERRAL BY TYPE OF CARE		
Children Needing Full-time Care	77	
Children Needing Part-time Care	2	
Children Needing Alternate-Hour Care	2	
Children Requesting DCF Subsidy Care	49	
Children with Special Needs and Abilities	1	
January-December 2015; Families were able to select more than one type of care.		

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#### **Availability of Child Care**

NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES BY TYPE OF CARE					
Type of Care	Number	Percentage	Capacity		
Family Child Care (FCC)	31	78%	332		
Child Care Centers (CCC) <sup>1</sup>	3	8%	172		
Head Start/Early Head Start Centers <sup>2</sup>	3	8%	86		
School-Age Programs	1	3%	40		
Licensed Preschools	1	3%	12		
Total	39	100%	642		
FCC Contracting with DCF	22	76%	236		
CCC Contracting with DCF	3	10%	172		

<sup>1</sup>CCC may include KDHE licensed exempt facilities. <sup>2</sup>Head Start/Early Head Start Centers may not be licensed by KDHE; Head Start/Early Head Start Centers do not include capacity (slots) in child care partners. FCC includes group child care homes. "X" is defined as not available.

#### **Affordability of Child Care**

ANNUAL AVERAGE COST OF CHILD CARE				
Age	Family Child Care	Child Care Center		
Infant (Birth to 11 Months)	\$5,041	\$6,066		
Infant (12 to 17 Months)	\$4,985	\$5,200		
Toddler (18 to 23 Months)	\$4,578	\$5,200		
Preschool (2 to 4 Years Old)	\$4,510	\$4,795		
Children 5 Year Olds and Up	\$4,412	\$4,593		

# Age Family Child Care Center One Infant (Birth to 11 Months) 13% 15% One Infant and One Preschool Aged Child 24% 26%



