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Child Care Quality Initiatives - Strengthening Families Project

Description

The *Child Care Quality Initiatives - Strengthening Families* is a strengths-based project building on the knowledge and skills child care providers already possess. The Child Care Quality Initiatives - Strengthening Families project supports participants and families in discovering their strengths and in using those strengths and skills to develop knowledge and change practices that lead to lasting Protective Factors and quality improvement.

The mission is “To improve early learning experiences for children birth to age five” by creating a system that:

- Promotes high-quality, child-centered care
- Is appropriately monitored and evaluated
- Supports parents as decision makers and teachers

What are the 5 Protective Factors for families?

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Social and emotional competence of children

Delivering Services – A highlight of who does what?

Child Care Aware® of Kansas:

- Provides oversight and management of Outcomes
- Synopsizes and reports data to funders
- Provides training and technical assistance to CCR&R Infant/Toddler Specialist
- Administers grant and stipend components of the Strengthening Families Project

CCR&Rs:

- Hire and supervise CCR&R Infant/Toddler Specialist
- Recruit Strengthening Families Project participants
- Deliver technical assistance to Strengthening Families Project participants and child care providers in SDA
- Report outcome data to Child Care Aware® of Kansas