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SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

Four Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs), located across Kansas, provide services to all 105 counties. Together, we offer many services for families, child care providers and community members.

Our Resource Center makes finding quality child care programs quick and easy for parents and families.

For child care providers and early learning staff, professional development opportunities and resources are available.

For local communities, supply and demand data paints the picture about child care.

These are just a few of our many services - for more details about all of the work we do, please contact your local CCR&R.

Child Care Aware® of Kansas

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Healthy Oral Habits

Did you know lack of water can make a person feel tired? Next time you or the children start to feel sluggish or cranky, reach for water. Our bodies need water to function properly. Water is good for your whole body and won't damage your teeth like sugary drinks. A growing number of early child care programs are making drinking water available to young children whenever they wish. The goal is to increase water consumption each day and reduce children's dependence on juice or sweet beverages for hydration. Here are some tips for encouraging children to drink water during the day:

1. Make it fun: Let kids use single-use bendy, silly, or colored straws.
2. Keep it portable and available: Have water bottles that are labeled for each child and can be refilled easily at a water station so children do not get thirsty.
3. Flavor it: Children that are used to drinking juice or pop might think water is too plain. Add fruit, such as lemons, orange slices or strawberries.

Be a good role model for children. Teaching children to make smart choices early on will result in a longer life with good oral and overall health. To learn more about Good Oral Health Habits, check out our [English](#) and [Spanish](#) resources!

Inspiration for this article from Kansas Child Winter 2017, Sip All Day, Get Decay contributed by Oral Health Kansas



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DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES
AROUND THE STATE, CHECK OUT
THE ONLINE TRAINING CALENDAR**
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Holiday Office Closures

New Year's Day
Tue., Jan. 1, 2019

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mon., Jan. 21, 2019

Technology and Children

Technology is everywhere. It's hard to imagine our lives without it. It makes our lives easier in many ways, but is technology beneficial or harmful to our children? Will allowing your child to watch TV or play on your phone while you take a shower or pick up the house damage their developing brain? Absolutely not! However, is it possible that too much technology is changing the way our children learn and focus? Experts suggest that too much exposure to technology can negatively impact both language and social emotional development. What can you do to find a healthy balance between family and technology?

- **Monitor all technology:** Test apps before children use them, play together, ask questions and engage in the experience with your child.
- **'Un-plug':** Make a family pledge to 'un-plug' at the dinner table. Make a routine of unplugging all technology at least one hour before bed.
- **Avoid using technology as a calming strategy:** Find other ways to soothe your child and avoid distracting them with technology. Help them manage their emotions with communicating, counting/taking deep breaths and other self-regulating techniques.
- **Develop a family technology plan:** Decide as a family the amount of 'screen-time' for each member.
- **Model healthy technology behavior-** put your phone down and enjoy spending time together.

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Just a Phone Call Away

Why should you, as a child care professional, update your child care program information with us? The information is used to inform parents about child care programs that have openings for their child(ren), based on the parent's needs. It's an efficient and informative way for parents to begin their child care search. In fact, over 13,000 families connect with us each year when they are looking for child care.

To keep information about child care current, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies complete quarterly phone calls to child care programs. Some of the important information the CCR&Rs update when conducting phone calls includes the number of child care openings available, how many children are currently enrolled, the current cost of care for each age group of children and if the child care program offers care during non-traditional hours (evening, weekend, overnight).

The information collected also helps to paint a picture for partners on how funding and support for early childhood programs can positively impact the future for Kansas children. Comprehensive, informative



Confidentiality is important to all of us!

You value keeping your information confidential; therefore, we have made confidentiality a priority in all that we do. Like you, Child Care Aware® of Kansas is licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; we follow specific child care resource and referral regulations.



When you have a minute... update your child care program information on your own!

The Child Care Aware of Kansas Provider Profile Registry, also known as a PPR, gives you the ability to enter information about your program, such as hours/days of operation, age group vacancies, rates, training hours, transportation options, and much more.

The benefits for you include:

- Marketing of your child care program to families
- Connecting with families looking for child care
- Emphasizing your special areas of experience and expertise

You can highlight your program with a picture tour for families (we know they love this feature!) but, be sure to obtain photo releases prior to uploading photos or include photos that do not show children's faces.

reports are created to spotlight challenges experienced by hardworking child care professionals. Two recent reports include the [2018 Kansas Child Care Workforce Study and Child Care Profile](#) and the [2018 Child Care Supply Demand Report](#). These reports would not be possible without child care professionals taking time to update their program information with us regularly.

So, the next time the phone rings and it's your local CCR&R, take a few minutes and update your information. It benefits all of us!





INFORMATION FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION ONE

Professional Development Opportunities

To Register [Click Here](#) or Call: 855-750-3343

Date	Title	Trainer	Time	Location	Hrs	Cost
1/8/2019	Pediatric First Aid & CPR	Kendra Pratt	6:00 PM	Child Care Aware Colby Office- 1255 S. Range, Colby	4	\$50
1/9/2019	The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos: Creating with Art	Kendra Pratt	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Colby Office- 1255 S. Range, Colby	2	\$15
1/12/2019	Interactions with Children	Christi Wicks	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	3	\$24
1/29/2019	Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers	Christi Wicks	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	2	\$15
2/2/2019	Positive Behavior Expectations	Sherron French	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Colby Office- 1255 S. Range, Colby	3	\$24
2/2/2019	Problem Solving in the Moment	Sherron French	1:00 PM	Child Care Aware Colby Office- 1255 S. Range, Colby	3	\$24
2/5/2019	Pediatric First Aid & CPR	Sherron French	06:00 PM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	4	\$60
2/9/2019	The Creative Curriculum for Preschool: Art	Chelsy Spiller	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Hays Office- 1011B Centennial Blvd., Hays	3	\$24
2/9/2019	The Creative Curriculum for Preschool: Toys and Games	Chelsy Spiller	1:00 PM	Child Care Aware Hays Office- 1011B Centennial Blvd., Hays	3	\$24
2/11/2019	Pediatric First Aid & CPR	Kendra Pratt	6:00 PM	Child Care Aware Hays Office- 1011B Centennial Blvd., Hays	4	\$55
2/23/2019	Guiding Children's Behavior	Christi Wicks	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	3	\$24
2/25/2019	The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos: Creating with Art	Kendra Pratt	6:30 PM	The Branch-104 S Chestnut, Clyde	2	\$15
3/1/2019	Emergency Preparedness	Kendra Pratt	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Colby Office- 1255 S. Range, Colby	2	\$15
3/2/2019	Sensory Processing	Sherron French	9:00 AM	Barton County Community College, Room T-147- 245 Northeast 30 Rd., Great Bend	3	\$24
3/2/2019	Problem Solving in the Moment	Sherron French	1:00 PM	Barton County Community College, Room T-147- 245 Northeast 30 Rd., Great Bend	3	\$24
3/5/2019	The Developing Emotional Strengths of Children	Christi Wicks	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	2	\$15
3/18/2019	Pediatric First Aid & CPR	Kendra Pratt	6:00 PM	Barton County Community College, Room T-147- 245 Northeast 30 Rd., Great Bend	4	\$50
3/19/2019	Cradling Literacy: The Powerful Role of Stories in Supporting Early Language and Literacy	Chelsy Spiller	7:00 PM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	2	\$15
3/23/2019	Better Brains for Babies: Attachment, Play, Consistency, and Stress and Trauma Session 2	Sherron French	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Hays Office- 1011B Centennial Blvd., Hays	3	\$24
3/23/2019	Sensory Processing	Sherron French	1:00 PM	Child Care Aware Hays Office- 1011B Centennial Blvd., Hays	3	\$24
3/25/2019	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Chelsy Spiller	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Salina Office- 1508 E. Iron, Salina	2	\$15

Call 785-823-3343 to register & pay for the training. Registration & payment MUST be received one week prior to training date. Walk-ins are welcome but will be charged an additional \$5 registration fee. Cancellation notice is required 5 days prior to training date to receive a full refund.

Are You Prepared for Severe Weather?

Severe Weather Awareness Week: March 4-8, 2019

Statewide Tornado Safety Drill: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 10am CST/9am MST

Are you prepared for severe weather? Do you have a written emergency plan? What supplies do you need? We welcome you to attend our Emergency Preparedness training in Colby on Friday, March 1, 2019 @ 6:30pm at the Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range. Registration for the class is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Early registrants will receive a FREE NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) donated by the National Weather Service. There are limited spaces and radios available, so call today to reserve your spot!

What Should I Have in My Emergency Preparedness Kit?

Make sure your Emergency Preparedness Kit is ready to go! Here are a few necessary items you should keep in your kit:

- First aid kit
- 3 day supply of water and non-perishable food for each person
- Change of clothes/shoes for everyone
- Battery powered radio/weather radio
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Whistle
- Cell phone & charger



For additional information, check out our emergency preparedness list [here](#).

Fostering Social Emotional Development

Do you live in Saline County and have concerns regarding challenging behaviors or social emotional development with children in your care? If you do, we want to work with you! Our Early Childhood Consultant, Christi Wicks, will provide coaching, resources and training to assist Saline County family child care providers, centers and preschools. Our services will include a reflective process to help teachers and child care providers identify behavior triggers and patterns that may impact the classroom and quality of child care. This program is made possible through the Saline County School Readiness Program and the Salina Area United Way. Call Christi at 785-823-3343 to set up your appointment today!



Provider Survey and Free Gift Card Drawing

In order to better meet your needs and those of families and children in Kansas, we are seeking your thoughts, ideas and suggestions! Please take a few moments to complete the 2018-2019 Child Care Provider Survey using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CR5F9FR>

Submit your completed survey to be entered into a drawing for a FREE gift card!



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Professional Development Opportunities

Costs listed are for Child Start Members that have pre-registered; if not a Member, please call 800-684-3962.

Date	Title	Trainer	Time	Location	Hrs	Cost
1/5/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
1/5/2019	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	Susan Wade	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/5/2019	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Susan Wade	11:30 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/5/2019	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	Susan Wade	1:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/5/2019	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	Susan Wade	3:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/7/2019	Signs & Symptoms of Childhood Illnesses	Mike Ferguson	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	1	\$6*
1/10/2019	Reducing the Wiggles	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/15/2019	"I want my baby to read"; Supporting Parents in Guiding Early Language and Literacy Development	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/19/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
1/19/2019	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Susan Wade	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/19/2019	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	Susan Wade	11:30 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/19/2019	Medication Administration in Child Care	Susan Wade	1:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/19/2019	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	Susan Wade	3:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/24/2019	The Seeds of Dramatic Play	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
1/29/2019	Once Upon a Story: Co-creating Narratives Enhances Creativity and Language	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/2/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
2/4/2019	Signs & Symptoms of Childhood Illnesses	Mike Ferguson	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	1	\$6*
2/5/2019	Making Families Welcome	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/9/2019	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	Susan Wade	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/9/2019	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Susan Wade	11:30 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/9/2019	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	Susan Wade	1:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/9/2019	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	Susan Wade	3:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/12/2019	Literacy: More Than Just Reading	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/16/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
2/21/2019	Family Conferencing: Asking and Listening	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/23/2019	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Susan Wade	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/23/2019	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	Susan Wade	11:30 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/23/2019	Medication Administration in Child Care	Susan Wade	1:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/23/2019	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	Susan Wade	3:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
2/26/2019	Family (or Parent) Conferencing: Developing Trust	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/2/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
3/4/2019	Signs & Symptoms of Childhood Illnesses	Mike Ferguson	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	1	\$6*
3/7/2019	It's My Classroom and I Can Cry If I Want To	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/9/2019	Basic Child Development Including Supervision of Children	Susan Wade	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/9/2019	Safe Slumber: Creating a Safe Sleep Environment	Susan Wade	11:30 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/9/2019	Child Abuse, Neglect, Reporting and Abusive Head Trauma	Susan Wade	1:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/9/2019	Keeping Children Safe: Environment and Transportation Safety	Susan Wade	3:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/14/2019	"I'm bery, bery cwowss!" Understanding Children's Anger	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/16/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
3/19/2019	Choosing Courage in a Climate of Fear	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/23/2019	Emergency Preparedness for Child Care Providers	Susan Wade	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/23/2019	Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention and Control	Susan Wade	11:30 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/23/2019	Medication Administration in Child Care	Susan Wade	1:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/23/2019	Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices and Allergy Awareness	Susan Wade	3:30 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12

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3/26/2019	How Does Your Garden Grow?	Susan Wade	7:00 PM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	2	\$12
3/30/2019	Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR and First Aid- Call 316-683-2645	Mike Ferguson	9:00 AM	Child Start- 1002 S. Oliver, Wichita	6	Call
2019 Members pay \$12, Non-members pay \$20.00. Additional \$3 fee for walk-ins.						
*2019 Members pay \$6, Non-members pay \$10. Additional \$3 fee for walk-ins						

REGIONAL NEWS FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION TWO



Purchase a 2019 Professional Development Membership!
Save Money, Save Time

Members save 40% on most trainings in Butler, Cowley, Harvey, Sedgwick and Sumner counties! Additionally, members save on CPR courses through LifeSaver Learning, can schedule private trainings to be held at your child care center, receive free Mini Learning Adventures, access the Resource Library and much more!

Visit childstart.org for more information!

New, Improved TrailBlazer Badges! Earn Badges Even Faster!

Attention award seekers! You can now earn TrailBlazer badges even faster! Each month there will be a new badge opportunity. Earn those badges, show them proudly, and receive FREE training each time you complete three badges!

January: Storyteller Badge
February: Family Interactions Badge
March: Emotions Badge

Learn more at childstart.org/trailblazer



Camp GWC (Formerly Growing With Children) Annual Conference for Child Care Professionals

One of Kansas's largest early childhood conferences returns on Saturday, April 6, 2019, to Central Community Church in Wichita, KS. Select your favorite topics and earn 6 hours of KDHE approved in-service while learning innovative ideas. Visit dozens of vendors in the exhibit area, win door prizes and raffles, receive free lunch from Firehouse Subs, and make new friends with an extended break time.

Learn more at childstart.org/campgwc

KickStart 101

KickStart Training Program

Earn your initial training faster than ever before!

Now you can get all of your initial training in just two Saturdays (in addition to CPR):

- Saturday #1: KickStart 101: Basic Child Development with Supervision (2 hrs), Safe Slumber (2 hrs), Child Abuse, Neglect & Head Trauma (2 hrs), Keeping Children Safe: Environment & Transportation Safety (2 hrs)= Total of 8 in-service hours
- Saturday #2: KickStart 102: Emergency Preparedness (2 hrs); Healthy Environments: Disease Prevention & Control (2 hrs), Medication Administration (2hrs), Happy Meals: Safe Food Practices & Allergy Awareness (2 hrs) = Total of 8 in-service hours

Cost: Non-Members: \$75 per KickStart – Includes Lunch,
Members: \$45 per KickStart – Includes Lunch.

Visit childstart.org for more information!

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Professional Development Opportunities

To Register Visit: <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>

Date	Title	Trainer	Time	Location	Hrs	Cost
1/10/2019	Preschool Classroom Management Strategies-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
1/12/2019	Foundations of Quality Child Care Part 1	Rebecca Quigley	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	6	*\$30
1/15/2019	Child-Centered Teaching and Learning-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Audrey Danielson	6:00 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2.5	\$12
1/17/2019	One, Two, Buckle My Shoe: Promoting Numeracy Skills in Preschoolers-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
1/22/2019	Raising Readers: Early Literacy for Preschool-aged Children-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Karen Rogenmoser	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
1/23/2019	Starting Out Strong: Promoting Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers-Free to Literacy Connections program participants. Participants are asked to bring a baby doll with them to class.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
1/24/2019	Positive Behavior Expectations	Talia Juiliano	6:30 PM	Memorial Building- 101 S Lincoln St., Chanute	3	Free
1/26/2019	Foundations of Quality Child Care Part 2	Rebecca Quigley	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	6	*\$30
2/2/2019	The Anti-Bias Classroom: A Global Look-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
2/5/2019	The Role of Staff in an Effective Classroom-Free to directors of programs participating in Literacy Connections and/or Get Set for Success.	Grace Cott	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
2/6/2019	Director's Toolbox: The Visionary Director - A Framework for Your Work-Free to directors of programs participating in Literacy Connections and/or Get Set for Success.	Michelle Gilbert	1:00 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	3	\$15
2/9/2019	STEAM Through the Ages-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Rebecca Quigley	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	3	\$15
2/13/2019	Using Homemade Books as a Teaching Tool-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Rebecca Quigley	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
2/16/2019	Positive Behavior Expectations	Jennifer Pishny	8:45 AM	Public Works- Sunflower Room- 612 E Campbell St., Westmoreland	2.5	Free
2/16/2019	Problem Solving in the Moment	Jennifer Pishny	12:00 PM	Public Works- Sunflower Room- 612 E Campbell St., Westmoreland	2.5	Free
2/20/2019	Seeds of Early Literacy: Phonological Awareness-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Karen Rogenmoser	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
2/21/2019	The Anti-Bias Classroom: Relationships and Rituals-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
2/26/2019	The Anti-Bias Classroom: Language and Literature-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
2/27/2019	Building Relationships with Young Children-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Audrey Danielson	6:00 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2.5	\$12
3/5/2019	Be a Transition Magician	Talia Juiliano	6:30 PM	Lifetime Learning Center- 206 N Pine St., Pittsburg	2	\$12
3/6/2019	Modifying Activities and Equipment-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
3/9/2019	Foundations of Quality Child Care Part 1	Rebecca Quigley	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	6	*\$30
3/13/2019	Strategies and Techniques for Expanding Language-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Audrey Danielson	6:00 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2.5	\$12

Date	Title	Trainer	Time	Location	Hrs	Cost
3/14/2019	The Anti-Bias Classroom: Display and Design-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
3/14/2019	Positive Behavior Expectations	Jennifer Pishny	6:30 PM	Blue Rapids Community Center- 4 Public Square, Blue Rapids	2.5	Free
3/19/2019	Fostering Children's Thinking-Free to Literacy Connections program participants.	Karen Rogenmoser	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
3/23/2019	Foundations of Quality Child Care Part 2	Rebecca Quigley	9:00 AM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	6	*\$30
3/26/2019	Sensory Play: Going Beyond the Sand and Water Table	Deb Danielson	6:30 PM	Lawrence Child Care Aware Office- United Way of Douglas County, Doud Room- 2518 Ridge Ct., Lawrence	2	Free
3/26/2019	Week of the Young Child: More Than Just a Party	Michelle Gilbert	6:30 PM	Child Care Aware Topeka Office- 1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., # 201, Topeka	2	\$12
3/28/2019	Problem Solving in the Moment	Jennifer Pishny	6:30 PM	Seneca Free Library- 606 Main St., Seneca	2.5	Free
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*If you register for BOTH Part 1 and Part 2 at the same time, you can receive a discounted class fee of \$50 total for both.						

Professional Development Event Registration

For class descriptions and to register online for a class held by Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas, visit the Professional Development Calendar in the "Child Care Provider" section of our website, <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. You can also call 785-357-5171 in Topeka or 877-678-2548 toll free to register by phone. A printable registration form and our professional development event policies can be found in the "Child Care Providers" section of our website, <http://east.ks.childcareaware.org>.

REGIONAL NEWS FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION THREE

First Aid & CPR Trainings

Location: Topeka Child Care Aware® Office,
1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., #201

Sat., Jan. 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 23, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 30, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Trainer: Lori Steelman

Cost: \$50

To register, please call 785-217-4513 or email
lsheartsaver@gmail.com.



Lending Library Extended Hours

Topeka's Weekend Lending Library Hours
(1100 SW Wanamaker Rd., #201, Topeka)

Sat., Jan. 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 19, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 2, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 16, 2019, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lawrence's Extended Lending Library Hours

(2518 Ridge Ct. [Inside United Way Bldg.], Lawrence)

Tue., Jan. 8, 2019, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 12, 2019, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Mar. 12, 2019, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Get Set for Success in Douglas County

Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas has opened up enrollment for a new program that we are offering in Douglas County called "Get Set for Success!" This program was made possible through funding from the United Way of Douglas County. Any licensed child care facility in Douglas County that serves preschool children that meet risk factors can apply.

Each participating classroom or family child care program will receive:

- Up to 18 hours of FREE training on using the Get Set for School® curriculum, assessing children's individual growth and development, and providing social and emotional supports for better learning.
- The Get Set for School® curriculum materials valued at \$400.
- Monthly resources to share with families.
- Personalized coaching to help participants meet their classroom goals.
- Child progress assessments to share with families.

For more information about the Get Set for Success program or to apply, contact Deb Danielson at 785-224-6479 or deb@east.ks.childcareaware.org.





INFORMATION FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION FOUR

Professional Development Opportunities

To Register Call: 800-755-0838

Date	Title	Trainer	Time	Location	Hrs	Cost
1/15/2019	The Power of Intention: Consequences	Shari Williams	6:30 PM	The Family Conservancy- 444 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City	2	\$10
1/31/2019	Professionalism for the Early Childhood Educator	Shari Williams	6:30 PM	The Family Conservancy- 444 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City	2	\$10
2/5/2019	Toddler CLASS: Language Modeling	Shari Williams	6:30 PM	The Family Conservancy- 444 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City	2	\$10
2/16/2019	STEAM in the Early Childhood Classroom	Janelle Balarashti	9:00 AM	The Family Conservancy- 444 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City	3	\$15
2/23/2019	Working with Temperaments	Meg Fuehne	9:30 AM	Monticello Library-22435 West 66th Street, Shawnee	2	\$10
3/21/2019	Toddler CLASS: Facilitation of Learning and Development	Shari Williams	6:30 PM	The Family Conservancy- 444 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City	2	\$10
3/28/2019	Nutrition Education in Early Care and Education Settings	Meg Fuehne	6:30 PM	Leavenworth Department of Health- 500 Eisenhower Road, Leavenworth	2	*0

*Space is limited; must pre-register

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Mail payment to: The Family Conservancy

444 Minnesota Ave, Ste. 200

Kansas City, KS 66101

Pay by credit card over the phone by calling 913-342-1110 x 1913

REGIONAL NEWS FROM CHILD CARE AWARE® OF KANSAS - REGION FOUR



Save the Date

The Family Conservancy's Early Childhood Fall Symposium

October 5, 2019, at the KU Edwards Campus BEST Conference Center in Overland Park

Registration will be available in August

For more information, contact Leanne Hilligas at 913-742-4113 or lhilligas@tfckc.org or go to

www.thefamilyconservancy.org.

KCPT-Sponsored Training for Missouri and Kansas Programs

Using the A in STEAM for Early Childhood Providers

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Making Math an Integral Part of Early Language and Literacy

Thursday, March 14, 2019

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Generations Training for Early Childhood Providers

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: KCPT

125 E 31st Street

Kansas City, MO 64108

Cost: Free

To register, contact Gary Brock at KCPT at 816-398-4321 or go to: <https://events.kcpt.org>

The Family Conservancy's Excellence in Early Care and Education Award



This year, The Family Conservancy will honor one early care and education provider who is changing the lives of children. One winner will be recognized for their commitment to young children, and be honored at The Family Conservancy's annual Provider Appreciation Celebration on May 4, 2019.

We are looking for passionate educators working in preschools, family child care programs and child care centers. Applicants must be nominated by someone other than themselves.

Nominees should meet all of the following criteria:

- Teach/work in the Kansas City Metro
- Be a current child care provider, infant-toddler or preschool teacher
- Regularly exceed expectations to create positive outcomes for children
- Benefited from support provided by The Family Conservancy

Do you know someone you would like to nominate?

Go to <https://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/ece-award/> and complete the nomination form.

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FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CREDENTIAL

When families have the right resources and support, communities thrive. The Family Conservancy is offering the Family Development Credential (FDC) Program to help individuals and organizations that support families implement shared approaches and maximize impact.

What is The Family Development Credential Program?

The national FDC is an intensive, professional development course for individuals who work with families. The FDC helps ensure workers across all sectors (social workers, police officers, human resources, teachers, etc.) are using the same highly effective approaches to support families. The FDC program is transforming the way agencies work with families – fostering collaboration, reducing duplication, and providing a way to streamline training for frontline workers.



Who is the Family Development Credential for?

Candidates for the FDC program are professionals from a wide range of governmental, private and non-profit agencies, faith based organizations, health care providers as well as businesses and large corporations who are invested in working effectively with families.

For more information, please visit The Family Conservancy's website at: <https://www.thefamilyconservancy.org/event/family-development-credential-course/>

Provider Appreciation Day Celebration

To thank and honor child care programs for the service they provide young children and their families, The Family Conservancy will host an event on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am at the Children's Campus of Kansas City. Please join us for 2 free clock hours of training as well as food, fun, great door prizes.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Stacy Hamilton at: 800-755-0838 ext. 1912 or shamilton@thefamilyconservancy.org



Johnson County Community College Early Childhood Continuing Education Courses

January 28 – STEAM Series: Integrating Engineering into the Toddler Classroom

February 05 – Large Group Time for Active Learners

February 18 – STEAM Series: Integrating the Arts into the Toddler Classroom

February 25 – Essential Strategies in Promoting Children's Learning

March 06 – Science Fun in the Early Childhood Classroom

March 25 – STEAM Series: Integrating Math into the Toddler Classroom

All courses are held from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

JCCC Campus: Regnier Center Room 175.

To register Call: 913-469-2323 or register online at: www.jccc.edu.

The cost is: \$19.



Check out these courses available to any child care provider!

ONLINE Training Opportunities



Date	Course Type	Title	Trainer	Time	Hrs	Cost
1/9/2019-1/16/2019	Online	The Journey to Independence: Applying Child Development in Daily Practice	Grace Cott	9:00 AM	3	*\$20
1/15/2019	Interactive Online	Ongoing Child Assessment: Collecting and Using Information	Sherron French	7:00PM	3	\$24
1/31/2019	Interactive Online	Ongoing Child Assessment: Using Data to Strengthen Your Program	Chelsy Spiller	7:00PM	3	\$24
2/6/2019-2/13/2019	Online	Teaching Critical Thinking Skills Through Loose Materials	Deb Danielson	9:00 AM	3	\$20
2/13/2019-2/20/2019	Online	Positive Play - Strategies to Support Positive Interactions Among Children	Grace Cott	9:00 AM	3	\$20
2/21/2019	Interactive Online	Supportive Roles in Modifying Curriculum	Sherron French	7:00PM	2	\$15
3/6/2019-3/13/2019	Online	Beyond the Book Nook: Creating a Literacy Rich Environment	Grace Cott	9:00 AM	3	*\$20

Online- Please contact Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas to register at 1-877-678-2548 or use payment links available on their class calendar at <https://east.ks.childcareaware.org>. Registration deadline is at noon of the business day prior to class date. Saturday class registrations close at 8 a.m. of the Friday prior to class date.

*Free to Literacy Connections program participants.

Did you know?



Department for Children and Families
Strong Families Make a Strong Kansas

Child Care Aware® of Kansas sends monthly email blasts!

For the latest regional news...don't forget to contact your local CCR&R for more information!

Send an email to info@ks.childcareaware.org to get started!

You will receive up to two emails per month with great info for you and the families you serve.



March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday!
Click [here](#) for fun activities and ideas to help celebrate!

