



# 2020 Annual Report



# ABOUT US

**Vision** - All communities across Kansas value and support early childhood development.

**Mission** - High-quality early education is available to all Kansas families and children.

The comprehensive nature of our services strengthens child care statewide and enhances the quality and availability of care:

- By providing various resources and services - through the Child Care Resource Center, our website, social media platforms, and other communication channels - we help families find child care.
- By providing coaching support in early care and education settings - with technical assistance, professional development, and on demand services - we provide significant assistance to the child care community.
- By engaging with community and state level partners - with real-time child care data and resources - we assist in the advancement of solutions to child care challenges.

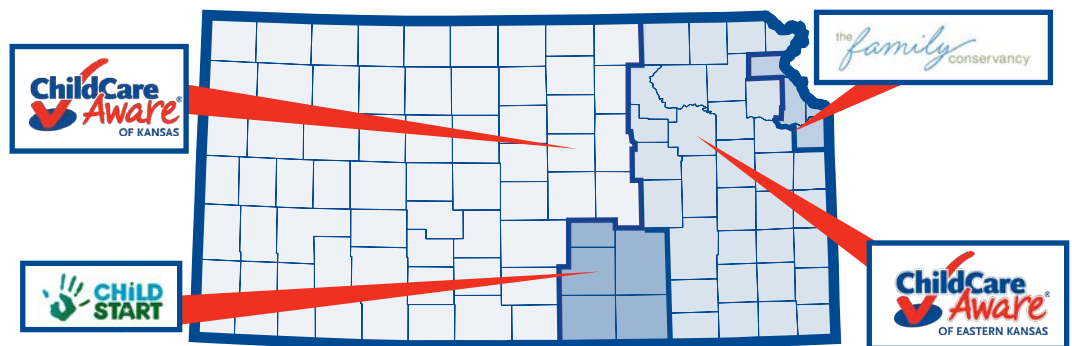
## We are Leaders in Early Learning Systems

These Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) partners, along with Child Care Aware of Kansas, provide statewide services:

- Child Start, Inc.
- Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas
- The Family Conservancy

Together we:

- Collect, analyze, and report data on child care supply, demand, quality, and cost.
- Bring together community coalitions with diverse stakeholder groups to solve unique challenges of local communities.
- Serve as an intermediary and resource hub for public, private and philanthropic partners eager to address the immediate and long-term needs of child care programs and families alike.
- Lead technical assistance and professional development initiatives for child care programs to increase program safety and quality.
- Help families navigate the changing child care landscape by delivering free child care referrals and consumer education to make informed child care choices.
- Support businesses that need a dependable and productive workforce by offering easy steps to accommodate the needs of working families.





# PANDEMIC RESPONSE

In 2020, our strength at adapting to an ever-changing crisis shined during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the support of our data system structure, organizational talent, longstanding partnerships with the CCR&Rs, connections with child care programs, resources for families, and collaboration with state agencies, we responded with new services.



## Hero Relief Program Grants

The Hero Relief Program, established by the Kansas Department for Children and Families and implemented by our team, utilized the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to provide supply, sustainability, healthcare/emergency worker support bonuses and revenue replacement funds.

- **3,132** Kansas child care programs were awarded **\$8,309,722** for supply and sustainability grants through the Hero Relief Program.\*
- **1,454** Kansas child care programs were provided **\$1,280,500** in healthcare/emergency worker support bonuses.\*
- **\$1,779,800** was provided as revenue replacement funds.\*

\*Eligibility requirements



## Coronavirus Relief Funding County Grants

Additional grants were made available through county government partners in Douglas County, Saline County, and Shawnee County. These funds continued sustainability grants for eligible licensed child care programs after the Hero Relief Program grants ended.

- **95** grants were awarded for a total of **\$377,500** to Douglas County child care programs.
- **103** grants were awarded for a total of **\$385,890** to Saline County child care programs.
- **230** grants were awarded for a total of **\$864,040** to Shawnee County child care programs.



## Child Care Health Consultation

We launched a new Child Care Health Consultant Network to provide technical assistance to licensed child care programs as they implement COVID-19 health and safety guidance from the Centers for Disease Control. With guidance from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Child care programs were also able to apply for a grant to make adjustments to their facilities based on the technical assistance provided.

- **505** Child care health consultations were requested.
- **440** Child care programs were awarded a health & safety grant for a total award of **\$2,300,696** paid in 2020.



## Comfort Kits

As part of the Child Care Health Consultation program, we partnered with four vendors to develop and disseminate Comfort Kits to early childhood programs, families, and community-based organizations across the state. Three types of Comfort Kits were distributed: 1) Social emotional resources, 2) Hygiene/Sanitation materials and 3) School/classroom supplies. Two phases of distribution occurred.

Phase 1 (October 2020):

- **2,576** Comfort Kits for **2,576** Licensed child care facilities and **24,459** Comfort Kits for **374** selected home visitation programs were distributed.

Phase 2 (December 2020):

- An additional **25,760** Comfort Kits for **2,576** Licensed child care facilities were distributed.



## Hygiene and Social Emotional Materials Kits

With support from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation, two materials kits to help meet emerging needs of **500** Kansas family child care programs were distributed.





# PROGRAMS

## Family Services: Child Care Resource Center

By providing free child care referrals and information, we help families begin their search for child care and access resources.

- **11,387** referrals were completed to help families begin their child care search (online and phone, duplicated).
- **44,399** consumer education materials were shared with families (electronic and printed) to help them learn more about quality child care and child development.
- **782** families have enrolled in our texting service to receive the latest early childhood and/or parenting information, updates, tips and activity ideas. (year to date)

## Child Care Provider Supports: Quality Initiative Programming and Professional Development

Every environment is a learning environment, from providing professional development and coaching opportunities to materials and resources for child care programs, we are uniquely positioned to support children's learning from birth. CCR&Rs spend many hours giving coaching support and offering trainings to teach positive behaviors and practices and to assist programs in applying their new skills and knowledge in their work with children and families. As a result, more Kansas children receive quality child care.

- **863** providers have enrolled in our texting service.

**Links to Quality:** Coaching support focused on the child care quality recognition and improvement framework, with funding provided by the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

- **563** coaching supports were completed.

**Child Care Quality Initiative:** Coaching support focused on positive interactions in child care settings, with funding provided by the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund.

- **654** coaching supports were completed.

**Professional Development:** Online and classroom professional development training events are delivered to improve the skills and knowledge of child care professionals.

- **279** professional development training events were presented to **3,570** participants.

**Child Care Aware of Kansas Online Learning: 31** participants

- **12** participants enrolled in CDA Credential-Infant/Toddler.
- **19** participants enrolled in 125 A La Carte Menu courses.

## Community Connections: Outreach & Engagement

Strengthening and establishing local, statewide and national partnerships remains a priority. We continue to connect with a variety of individuals, organizations, and groups to become more involved in early childhood systems efforts around the state. A key message that we elevate during these interactions are the needs of child care providers, families and children.

**Outreach and engagement efforts included: 365** total number of Community Engagements occurred in **22** counties.

- **314** meetings were attended to engage in early childhood conversations throughout the state.
- **15** conferences/exhibits were attended (statewide) to represent child care/early childhood.
- **36** presentations were completed in communities to promote the importance of early childhood and CCR&R services.

# SPECIAL EFFORTS



## Legacy Scholarships

The Board of Directors established an Endowed Fund to provide annual educational scholarships to Kansas child care professionals. The Legacy Scholarship, in honor of founding director Leadell Ediger, is a needs-based, reimbursement educational scholarship designed to fulfill a financial gap for child care professional(s) wanting to obtain an early childhood certificate through a Kansas community college.

*“ I love what I do  
and receiving the  
Legacy Scholarship  
has allowed me to  
further my education  
and help me be a  
better child care  
provider. ”*  
- Abbie Hanzlicek

4 Legacy Scholarships were awarded in 2020.

- **Megan Behrens, Family Child Care Provider, Marysville, KS.**  
Megan shared that her goals include achieving her early childhood degree and continuing to a 4-year college to further her education in early childhood. She says that she is always looking for new ways to better herself and help her daycare kids become more independent and loving little people.
- **Abbie Hanzlicek, Family Child Care Provider, Emporia, KS.**  
Abbie loves her daycare kids and feels her goals will be enhanced by obtaining her degree in early childhood education. She has been juggling continuing her education while still working full time running her daycare and raising her own children.
- **Mary Kramer, Child Care Center Staff, Louisburg, KS.**  
Mary is taking classes to help improve her skills in teaching the children.
- **Michaela Watts, Child Care Center Staff, Emporia, KS.**  
Michaela has already attended multiple trainings and feels ready to work on completing her CDA (Child Development Associate Credential).



## Kansas Child

Kansas Child is a quarterly publication that has an 18-year history covering topics that elevate the need for high-quality early education services and highlights amazing efforts happening for young kids around Kansas. We hope to provoke thoughtful discussion within the field and to help those outside the field gain a better understanding of priorities and concerns.

2020 Topics included:

- Winter 2020: Connecting with Families
- Spring 2020: Infant Toddler
- Summer 2020: Nurturing Young Bodies and Minds
- Fall 2020: Navigating the Unexpected



# FINANCIALS

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2020

### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$860,156
Accounts receivable	179,765
Prepaid expenses	19,867
Vehicles and equipment - net of accumulated depreciation	71,211
Fund at Greater Salina Community Foundation	562,308
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,693,307</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$86,392
Payroll Liabilities	3,743
Accrued compensation	37,743
Refundable advances	270,625
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>398,503</b>

### Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	1,147,017
With donor restrictions	147,787

<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1,294,804</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,693,307</b>
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\*Unaudited

### REVENUE DETAILS

Individual Donors	\$11,539
Greater Salina Community Foundation	2,321
	<b>13,860</b>

Government grants - contributions	
United Way of McPherson County	\$2,821
Salina Area United Way, Inc.	13
	<b>2,834</b>

### Government grants - exchange transactions

Kansas Department for Children and Families	\$13,190,607
Kansas Department of Health and Environment	4,294,499
Shawnee County	897,112
Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund	502,382
Saline County	404,951
Douglas County	396,420
The Family Conservancy	229,262
The Nemours Foundation	65,906
Saline County School Readiness Project	31,564
Dickinson County	21
	<b>20,012,724</b>

KPATA/KSAEYC administrative fees	
KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION	\$31,630
Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children	6,385
	<b>38,015</b>

### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED DONATIONS

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation	\$50,000
Community Foundation of Dickinson County	2,116
Greater Salina Community Foundation	4,967
Don C & Florence M McCune Foundation	5,000
Verla Nesbitt Joscelyn Foundation	2,000
<b>Total Temporarily Restricted Donations</b>	<b>64,083</b>

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

### Revenues

Donations	\$13,860
Government grants - contributions	2,834
Government grants - exchange transactions	20,012,724
KPATA/KSAEYC administrative fees	38,015
Interest	8,593
Other income	21,572
Gain on sale of fixed assets	15,128
Net assets released from restriction	72,069
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investment	73,983

<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>20,258,778</b>
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### EXPENSES

Program services:	
CARES Act/CCDF Funding for Child Care Providers COVID-19	11,584,382
Child Care Health Consultant Network	4,111,275
Child Care Consumer Education Referral Services	1,095,005
SPARK Counties CARES Act: Douglas, Saline, Shawnee	1,698,482
Child Care Quality Initiative	448,087
Links to Quality	382,432
Preschool Development Grant and Maternal Child Health	48,294
Early Childhood Financing	211,826
Other programs	190,455

<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>19,770,238</b>
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General and administrative	360,766
Fundraising	3,550

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>20,134,554</b>
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<b>NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>124,224</b>
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### CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Donations	64,083
Net assets released from restriction	(72,069)

<b>NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>(7,986)</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>116,238</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,178,566</b>
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<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$1,294,804</b>
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\*Unaudited

# DONATIONS

## 2020 Endowment Donations

### Donors Up to \$49

Amy and Chris Adams  
Jennifer Blair  
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(Wichita TOP Children's Fund)  
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## 2020 CASH AND IN-KIND DONATIONS

### Donors Up to \$49

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Tracie and Pete Smucker  
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### Donors \$50 to \$99

AmazonSmile Foundation  
Marcia and Robert Anderson  
Anonymous  
Tanya and Devin Koehn  
Morgan Padgett  
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### Donors \$100 to \$499

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Kelly Davydov  
John and Deborah Divine  
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John and Gig Jones  
Kroger - Dillon Stores  
Corlene Lange  
Christina Litwiller  
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Seed Savers Exchange  
Beth Shearer  
Solomon State Bank

Chelsy and Klint Spiller  
Samantha S. Sulsar  
Betsy and Ben Wearing  
Vera and Ted Zerger

## Donors \$500 and Above

Barrientos, Sue  
Boswell, Annie  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas  
Eric Brown  
Leadell Ediger  
Karen Elliott  
Kimberly Engelman  
Greater Salina Community Foundation  
Betty and James Lammle  
Kari Mailloux  
Kim Moore  
Mary Murphy  
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Morgan Padgett  
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**OUR STAFF TEAM DEMONSTRATES THEIR  
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We would like to extend a gracious **THANK YOU** to all child care programs. 2020 was anything but easy on you. The long hours, the tough decisions, the adversity that you have gone through and have yet to experience due to the pandemic have not been overlooked.

The work that you do daily has a ripple effect all over Kansas; we are here for you cheering you on.



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