

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Providing financial support directly to child care providers through the KS Hero Relief Program.

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Beginning, today Child Care Aware® of Kansas is supporting the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) in providing financial support directly to child care providers through the KS Hero Relief Program.

DCF has received funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and is partnering with Child Care Aware to distribute these funds to child care providers in Kansas. This funding will be used to provide Hero Relief Program grants to licensed child care centers and family child care programs impacted as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

*"This financial support is crucial in meeting the needs of child care programs that are working hard for families and children during this unprecedented pandemic. Child care programs are a necessary support for the Kansas economy. We are proud to be helping them."* said Leadell Ediger, Executive Director.

For those interested in more information about the child care program grants, <https://www.ks.childcareaware.org/heroreliefprogram/>.

For more information about the KS Hero Relief Program, <http://ksherorelief.com/>

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**About Child Care Aware® of Kansas**

Our vision is that all communities across Kansas value and support early childhood development. It is, therefore, our mission that high-quality early education is available to all Kansas families and children. Child Care Aware of Kansas is known as a strong advocate for children, their families and the early childhood profession. We work to:

- Ensure families have access to affordable, high-quality child care across the state.
- Support child care providers with ongoing professional development training and information/coaching support about how to improve the quality of child care.
- Network with employers and community partners on how to support high-quality child care in their communities.

To learn more about Child Care Aware® of Kansas and how you can join us in ensuring access to high-quality child care for all families, visit us at [www.ks.childcareaware.org](http://www.ks.childcareaware.org).

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