

# Helping New Child Care Professionals in South Central Kansas

Programs offered through Child Start

# Where providers come from

- Child Start Specialists attend licensing orientations in each county.
  - Family Child Care Orientations:
    - Sedgwick, Harvey, and Sumner counties are held regularly each month as long as there is at least one individual reserved.
    - Sumner and Cowley counties hold individual licensing orientations.
  - Child Care Center Orientations:
    - Sedgwick county holds Child Care Center Orientations every month.
    - Remaining counties hold Child Care Center Orientations on an individual basis as needed.
- DCF New Provider List
  - DCF produces a monthly list that identifies new child care licenses (temp and regular).
- CLARIS/CCAKS
  - CCAKS providing weekly report from CLAIRIS
- Direct
  - Individuals looking at starting child care contact our Specialists directly through call, email, forms and in person.

# Programs offered for new child care professionals

- Wichita Child Care Access (WCCA) (PDG Grant)
- Quality Beginnings Project (QBR) (PDG Grant)
- Child Care Health Consultant Tier 1 (CCHC) (CCAKS Grant)

# PDG Grant Programs

## WCCA

- Serves child care providers in Wichita
- Provides additional supports for child care centers with staff recruitment and retention

## QBR

- Serves child care providers in Sumner and Cowley Counties
- Actively recruits “illegal care providers” to help them become licensed.

Both programs work with individuals looking to open a licensed family child care home.

Services start the second they are interested, and supports last for 6 months after license received.

# PDG Grant Programs

- WCCA and QBR Providers receive:
  - Stipend to help cover cost of licensing fees including background checks, etc. (pre or post license)
  - Basic health and safety equipment including first aid kits, smoke/gas detectors, plug protectors, etc.
  - Initial training for free, including CPR
  - Business and curriculum books
  - Ongoing TA covering initial licensing steps, business basics, health and safety, environments, curriculum, etc.
  - Environmental rating scale
  - Materials stipend to purchase materials needed to increase the quality of the environment.
  - Networking opportunities
  - Small business supports from local Workforce centers

# CCHC Tier 1

- Helps recruit child care providers
- Provides some initial consultations before moving into next Tiers (other Tiers not at Child Start)
- Provides large stipends after initial license received for items to purchase after grant awarded
- Provide Health & Safety stipends for providers who have official findings through licensing

# Initial Grant Program Diagram

PDG grants only available in certain locations.

Where there is a PDG grant, initial providers will first enter that process.

Where there isn't a PDG grant, initial providers will start CCHC after initial license.

Initial providers can be on both projects at the same time.

