

KC REGION COMMUNITY CHILD CARE EXCHANGE

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- Community Child Care Exchange with parents, providers and employers
- Regional wage supplements tied to credentials/degrees
- Cooperative cost-saving initiatives
- Strong governance within Partners in Quality



What is a Community Child Care Exchange?

How it Works

The Community Child Care Exchange would help ensure that working families have access to affordable, high quality child care through cost-sharing coordinated at the local level.

By participating in the Exchange, employers would have an easy and hassle-free way to support their current and prospective employees with their child care needs.



Early Education as a Public Good

- State leaders in MO are currently exploring opportunities to provide state funding to support the Exchange.
- KS has an employer childcare tax credit.
- Employers across the region are feeling the impact on issues with accessing childcare.
- Employers may already be eligible for federal tax credits





3C Exchange in Action

In this example, MARC Early Learning-- serving as the intermediary--placed 40 children from 3 different employers in 4 programs.

What are the benefits?

A Benefit for All

Families

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Working families would benefit from government, employer, or other contributions, and community intermediary coordination efforts to make care at their provider of choice more affordable and easier to enroll.

Employers



Employers could easily offer child care benefits to their employees through contributions to a community intermediary, who in turn would assist their employees to choose a spot at participating child care providers.



Providers could take advantage of the coordination offered by intermediaries and employers to offer guaranteed spots for the children of employees and guaranteed payment based on enrollment.

Community

Community intermediaries would take on the responsibility to connect employers and child care providers, to grow the number of child care options available, support workforce attraction for employers, and stabilize the child care marketplace in their community.

Thoughts?



Thank you!

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