



MO Child Care Works

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**The Kansas City
Region Application**

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**Updates and
Timelines**

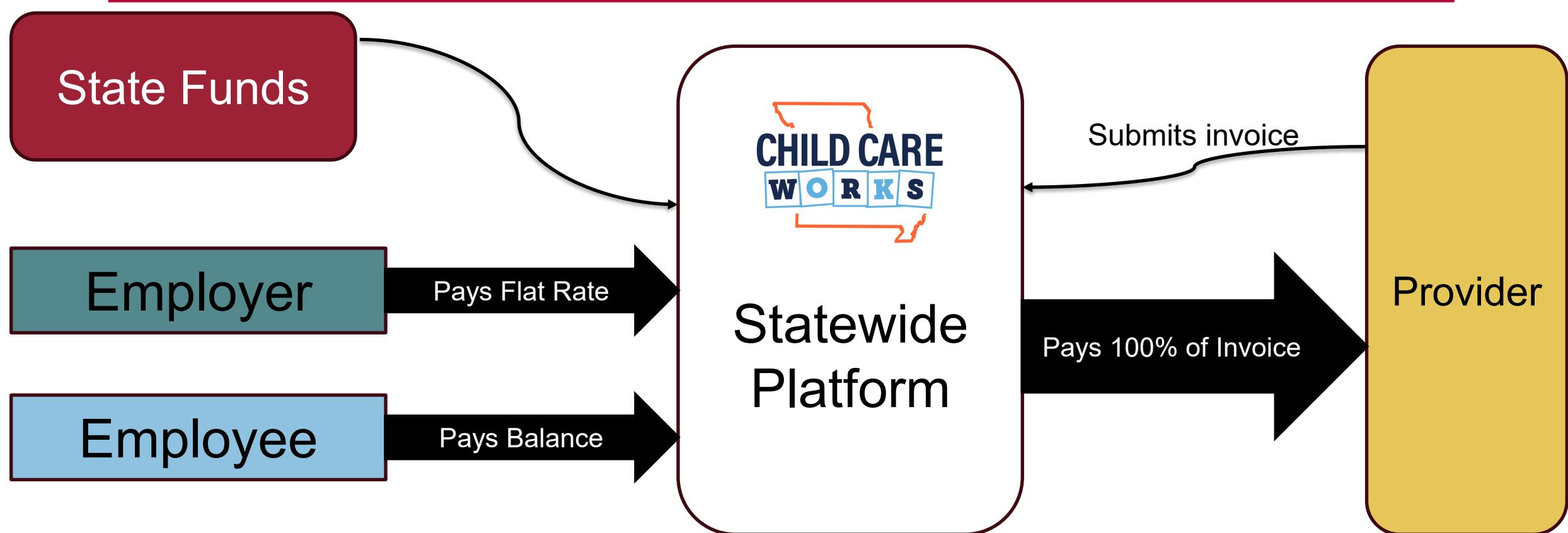
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**State Funding
Awards**

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What's Next?

How Child Care Works... Works



Outreach for Region's Application

- Greater Kansas City Chamber
- Cass County's Workforce You
- MARC Board meeting
- Webinars
- Meetings with individual employers
- Media interviews including KCUR, KSHB 41
- Engaged employers and stakeholders in Overland Park



Our Application

Applied for 160 seats

- Three employer commitments
- 20 reserved for philanthropy



State Funding Awards



287

Seats Awarded

7

Communities across the state

98

Reserved for Kansas City Region



Other Communities Awarded

Cape Girardeau

Phelps County

St. Louis City and County

Jasper County

Greene County

Cole County

External reviewers accessed community applications based on whether or not communities are **child care deserts**, the **strength** of the local implementation and number of seats requested and **secured**.



Timeline

Implementation Process

Ongoing

Onboarding for employers and providers to claim profiles.

Ongoing

Applications for families are live.

Employer-Driven Timeline

Children are served through CCW Seats.

Mid-Year

Potential slot adjustments based on remaining state funds.



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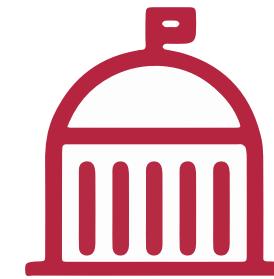
MARC's Role



Engaging
Community



Engaging
Providers



Preparing for
Year 2



Upcoming informational webinar

Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 @ 11 a.m. on Zoom



Any questions?



Thank you!

