



# MO Child Care Works

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**The Kansas City  
Region Application**

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**Updates and  
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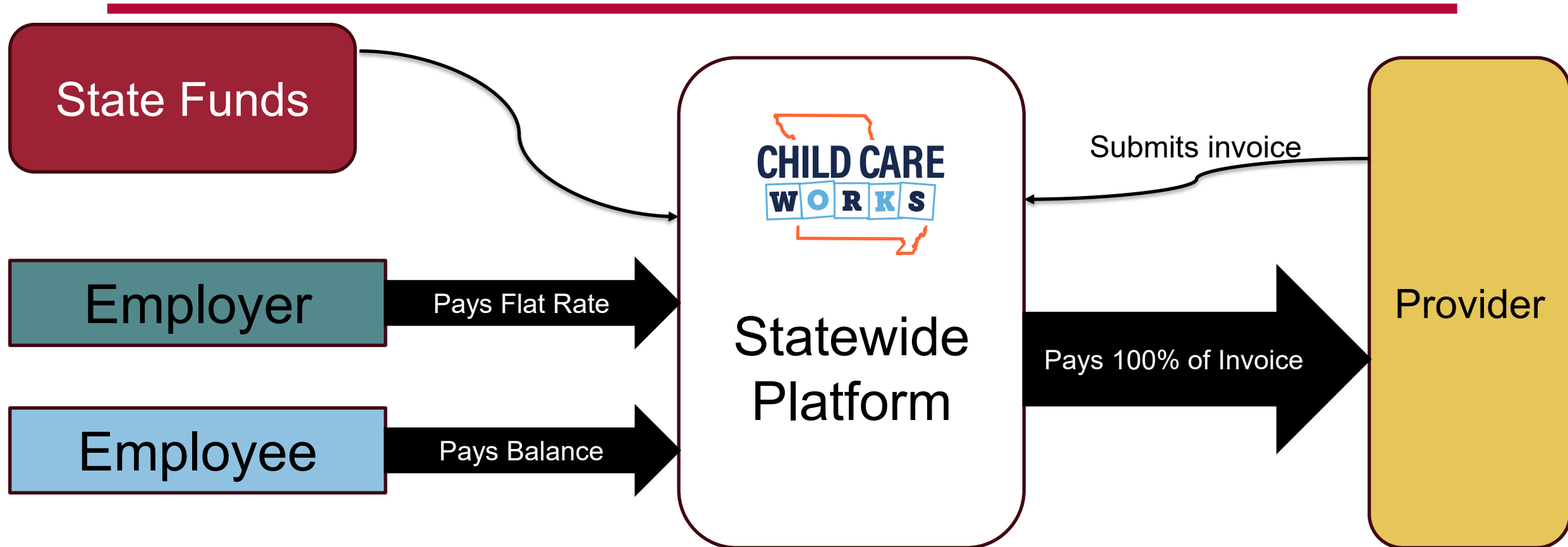
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**State Funding  
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**What's Next?**

# How Child Care Works... Works



# Outreach for Region's Application

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- 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

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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

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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

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## 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.



# What's Next?

# MARC's Role

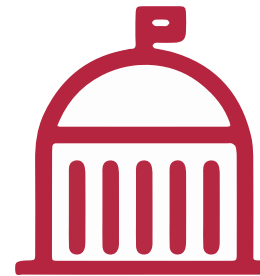
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**Engaging  
Community**



**Engaging  
Providers**



**Preparing for  
Year 2**



# Upcoming informational webinar

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



# Any questions?



## Thank you!

