



Administration and Human Services **Standing Committee Meeting Agenda**

Monday, August 26, 2024

**Immediately upon adjournment of earlier committee, or
5:00 p.m.**

Location: Hybrid

We invite you to view the meeting in person in the 5th Floor Conference Room, Suite 515, Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas, or virtually via a Zoom webinar.

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Name

Absent

Commissioner Melissa Bynum, Chair

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Commissioner Mike Kane

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Commissioner Christian Ramirez

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Commissioner Andrew Davis

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Commissioner Dr. Evelyn Hill

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Revisions to August 26, 2024 Agenda

III. Approval of standing committee minutes from (no minutes available)

IV. Committee Agenda

Item No. 1 - PRESENTATION: CHILDCARE ACCESSIBILITY

Synopsis: Presentations by Raising Wyco and the Wyandotte County Health Department regarding childcare accessibility in Wyandotte County.

Tracking #: 21311

V. Public Agenda

VI. Adjourn



Report to

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Jennifer Stewart, Director jstewart@kckpd.org 913-321-1445	Health Department
AGENDA ITEM #		
PRESENTATION: CHILDCARE ACCESSIBILITY		
BACKGROUND		
Presentations by Raising Wyco and the Wyandotte County Health Department regarding childcare accessibility in Wyandotte County.		
RECOMMENDATION		
For information only		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
Wyandotte County Committee Meeting, August 2024		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

Approved: *[Signature]* 8/19/2024

Wyandotte County
Administration Human Services
Standing Committee Meeting



Child care is the foundation of our community.

Our vision is affordable and accessible quality child care options for all families in Wyandotte County to create the thriving workforce - and community - we need for raising the next generations.

Who we are.

Raising WYCO is a committed group of early education, community, and business leaders committed to engaging a broad coalition of community stakeholders to identify feasible and sustainable solutions for improving local child care access.

Business Leaders

Educational Leaders

Civic Leaders

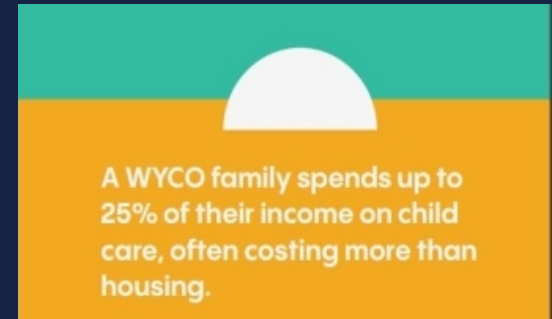
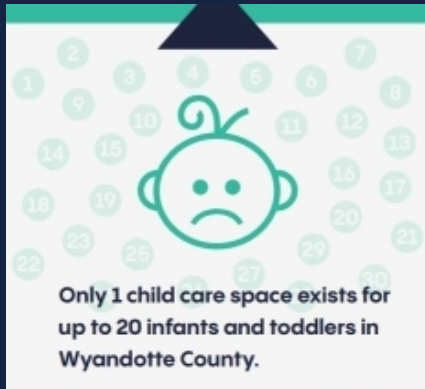
**Economic Development
Leaders**

**Family and Parent
Advocates**

By the Numbers.

The estimated annual **economic impacts of child care gaps** (combined household, business, & tax revenue) **range from 151.7M to 232.5M in Wyandotte County.**

Future impacts (10 years) may be as high as 376.3M to 576.2M.



By the Numbers.

Population Under Age 5 by Age Group



7,824

Children

Under Age 3

Wyandotte County, KS



5,323

Children

Age 3 to 4

Wyandotte County, KS



2,331

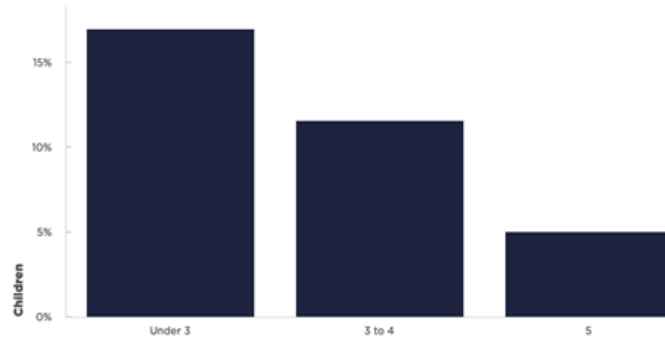
Children

Age 5

Wyandotte County, KS

Sources: US Census Bureau ACS 5-year 2016-2020

Population Under 5 by Age Group



Wyandotte County, KS

Sources: US Census Bureau ACS 5-year 2016-2020

Our Approach.

THREE Critical Gaps

1. Child care in Wyandotte County not meeting the potential demand
1. Workforce issues threatening the supply of child care.
1. Public and private investments are not sufficient.

How We Are Addressing The Gaps.

1. Prioritize child care access issues in community decision-making.
2. Elevate the experiences of families and child care providers in the community.
3. Reduce existing barriers for child care providers to expand or create child care slots.
4. Actively explore community level strategies to improve child care workforce recruitment, retention, and compensation.
5. Actively explore community, state, and federal strategies and mechanisms for increasing child care investments.

Goals Aligned with CHIP

Child Care Access: Increase access to quality and affordable child care by focusing on the recruitment and retention of providers.

Objective: Retain 2,502 full time, licensed child care slots among both in-home providers and centers, while working to increase new licensed slots
(KS Child Care Aware, 2023)

Goals Aligned with CHIP

STRATEGIES

- Build and stabilize the child care workforce by engaging educational institutions on developing **early childhood career pathways** for students
- Support the **retention and expansion** of quality child care centers to increase access for families
- Increase **training and support to child care providers**, both centers and in-home, through the efforts of The Family Conservancy's Start Young Program and UG Child Care Licensing
- Increase awareness and participation in available **child care tax credits** among local employers
- Identify barriers experienced by **new or expanding** child care providers and advocate for solutions
- Explore local, state, and federal policy opportunities to increase **child care investments** in Wyandotte County, increasing wages, provider benefits, and lowering start-up costs

A Call to Action.

- **Community Call to Action**

Get involved in the work of Raising WYCO by scanning the QR codes below OR on the business cards provided.



LinkedIn



Website



Facebook

Thank You.

Do you have any questions?

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Works Cited.

The Business Case Video Citation:

\$232M figure came from the Bipartisan Policy Center's Child Care Gaps Assessment Tool. The \$232M number is a range from \$150M-\$232M. The categories determining this are below.

1. "Household Impacts: income losses parents incur from having to reduce their work hours or leave the labor force entirely, as well as future lost earnings from delayed opportunities for promotions, reduced work experience, and reentering the workforce at a lower station.
2. Business Impacts: direct productivity losses such as hours of foregone worker productivity and continual pay and benefits paid to employees when they are not working, as well as future lost earnings from turnover costs and the delayed ability to capitalize on growth opportunities.
3. Tax Revenue Impacts: the proportion of lost household and business income that would have contributed to government revenues, as well as future lost tax revenues from future lost household and business earnings."



Inspections



Consultations



Education

Wyandotte County Child Care Licensing

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Date: August 26, 2024

Wyandotte County Public Health Department



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Staff Introduction

The Child Care Licensing program at the Wyandotte County Health Department is made up of a team of three full-time Licensing Specialists who perform multi-faceted roles in the program.

- Program Supervisor: Olliea Jarrett
- Program Coordinator: Lori Lanter
- Environmental Health Specialist: Erin Gaster



Program Introduction

The Wyandotte County Public Health Department Child Care Licensing program is contracted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to provide regulatory services for the Wyandotte County community.



Program Introduction (continued)

Kansas regulations for Child Care have been reducing the predictable health and safety risks to children in out-of-home care since 1919. Child Care regulations support families in child care choices and high-quality child care. Additionally, regulation promotes health and safety standards to prevent communicable diseases and to increase the number of children who are fully immunized.



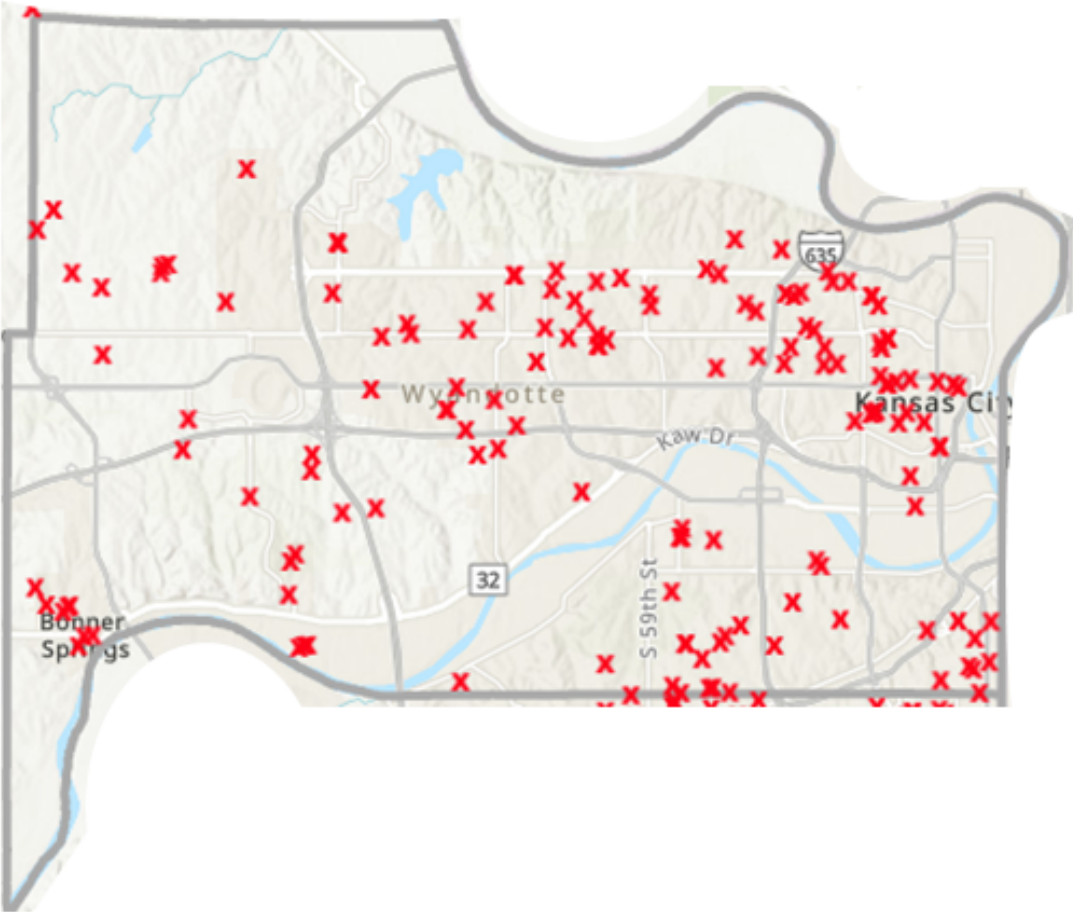
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Local Licensing Specialists

- Inspect child care environments annually and work with providers to promote self-evaluation.
- Provide consultation on early care, education and best practices related to health & safety.
- Encourage access to professional development through coordination and facilitation of training opportunities offered by the WyCo Child Care Licensing team and local partners.



WYCO licensed facilities landscape:



Wyandotte		
Building Based School Age Program	24	
Child Care Center	38	
Child Care Resource and Referral Agency	1	
Family Child Care Home	79	
Preschool	1	
County Total :		143

Data: current on 8/14/2024



Facility Types

Family Child Care Home

- A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of 12 children under 16 years of age and includes children under 10 years of age related to the provider. This could require 2 providers depending on the total number and ages of children in care.



Facility Types

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Child Care Center

- A child care facility in which care and educational activities are provided for 13 or more children two weeks to 16 years of age for more than three hours and less than 24 hours per day including daytime, evening, and night-time care, or which provides before and after school care for school-age children.



Facility Types

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Preschool

- A child care facility in which learning experiences for children who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten as prescribed in K.S.A. 72-1107(c) and any amendments thereto, and who are 30 months of age or older; which conducts sessions not exceeding three hours per session; which does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and which does not serve a meal.



Facility Types

School Age Program

- A child care facility that serves exclusively school-age children and youth. This may include a building based program, mobile summer program or outdoor summer camp (this does not include a drop-in program).



Facility Types

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Drop-In Program

- A child care facility that is not located in an individual's residence, that serves exclusively school-age children and youth, and in which the operator permits children and youth to arrive at and depart from the program at their own volition and at unscheduled times.



Facility Types

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Day Care Referral Agency

- An association, organization, individual, or corporation receiving, caring for, and finding homes for children under 16 years of age who need day care.

Proud of our continued collaboration:

Child Care Aware of Kansas through The Family Conservancy Resource & Referral



Unregulated Care

LEGAL CARE

- When child care is provided for children in their own home.
- When child care is provided for children who are all close relatives of the child care provider.
- When child care is arranged between friends or neighbors on an irregular basis.
- When child care is provided for not more than two children unrelated to the child care provider for not more than 20 care hours a week. The total hours shall be determined by adding the hours each child is cared for during the week.

ILLEGAL CARE

- When child care is provided for more than two children outside child's own home by an individual who is not a close relative or the total hours the individual provides care exceeds 20 hours in one week.
- Investigated and notice of noncompliance is issued by KDHE.
- End goal is to get the individual into compliance by discontinuing care or becoming licensed.



Licensing Specialists do onsite inspections to check adherence to regulations. These inspections are called “surveys.”

The adherence to regulations are referred to as “compliance”.

The Child Care Licensing Specialists, formerly referred to as Surveyors, perform five unique types of surveys.

- **Amendment surveys:** At the request of the facility to allow changes to the license.
- **Annual surveys:** Each year at or near the facility’s renewal period.
- **Complaint surveys:** To investigate the report of regulatory concerns and violations within a specific facility.
- **Compliance visits:** Verify correction of an existing non-compliance cited on a previous survey.
- **Initial surveys:** Opening a new facility, in the case of a move, or in the case of a change in program type.



Survey Types

Amendment
Annual
Compliance
Complaint
Initial

Amendment	Annual	Compliance	Complaint	Initial
0	118	33	23	17

Data from: 2023 Fiscal Year (7/1/23- 6/30/24)

An uptick of amendment surveys are expected in response to the changes in regulations 8/2/2024.



Complaint Findings

Investigations into complaints will receive an end result of “substantiated” findings or “unsubstantiated” findings.

Substantiated findings mean the individual or agency has been cited for the regulatory issue presented by the complainant.

Unsubstantiated findings mean either the individual or agency was in violation of the regulation presented in the complaint or, the evidence was not available to substantiate the findings.



Complaint findings:

Unsubstantiated	Substantiated
12	13
prohibited punishment, lack of supervision, capacity	illegal care, inappropriate restraint, building premise, background checks, confidentiality, incident reporting, general environment, prohibited punishment

*Data inconsistencies due to variables in timelines and investigation periods
Data from: 2023 Fiscal Year (7/1/23- 6/30/24)



Thank you for the opportunity to share about our program.

As we conclude, the Child Care Licensing team and the Wyandotte County Public Health Department would like to thank you for your time and investment in the future - our children.



Questions?



We are excited to hear from the Raising WYCO team who will provide important information about how our community can support access to child care in Wyandotte County.

