“Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.”

– Demosthenes

Demosthenes was a Greek statesman and orator of ancient Athens. His orations reflect contemporary Athenian intellectual prowess and provide an insight into the politics and culture of ancient Greece during the 4th century, BC. This message seems as accurate today as it was in the 4th century BC!

Our work at Child Care Aware® of Kansas is an effort to support our youngest Kansans — our small opportunities — and set the stage for their great enterprises. What better mission could there be to support a positive future for Kansas and our country?

Leadell Ediger
Child Care Aware® of Kansas is the administrator of the statewide Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) network in Kansas. We strive to:

ENSURE that families have access to affordable, high-quality child care
LEAD early learning initiatives and offer professional development events that promote more knowledgeable early learning staff
ADVOCATE for positive changes that impact the lives of children and families

FAMILY CONNECTIONS
The Child Care Resource Center is a free service that makes locating child care programs quick and easy — support is available both online and by phone. Resource specialists provide families with a list of licensed child care providers in their geographic area, as well as personalized information that will help them choose the best child care provider for their family.

“The most rewarding part of my job is when a parent calls back to let us know they were able to find care through our service. It puts what we do into perspective. They seem very appreciative and grateful to have found our service, and that lifts my spirits tremendously! Some parents even say they would not have even known where to begin if it wasn’t for our help.”
BIANCA GARCIA
BILINGUAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST
CHILD CARE AWARE® OF EASTERN KANSAS

“This service was very helpful. We received lots of information to help us check out the providers and to help with interview questions.”
GAIL OWENS  PARENT, LIBERAL, KS
CHILD CARE PROGRAM IMPACT
We have 25 years of experience developing comprehensive, quality initiatives that engage child care providers in a variety of ways. Throughout the year, providers were supported through technical assistance (coaching), professional development, consumer education materials, and positive relationships that cultivate their professional growth. From goal-setting to family engagement, participants engage in proven strategies that improve the quality of child care.

QUALITY INITIATIVES
Infant/Toddler Quality Steps  Focused on quality infant/toddler child care
Strengthening Families  Focused on prevention of child abuse and neglect
Early Childhood Wellness – Step It Up Challenge  Focused on healthier environments for children
Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care Designation  An award for child care programs that successfully meet five criteria
Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement System  Kansas QRIS, a five-star child care rating program

SPECIAL PROJECTS
Emergency Preparedness in Child Care  A quality initiative focused on emergency planning, communication strategies and resources for child care programs
Pediatric First Aid & CPR Certifications  Helping providers learn lifesaving skills and meet child care licensing requirements

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROJECT:
“Holding the parent cafés has been an encouraging improvement in my home daycare. The families have developed friendly relationships as they get to know each other. It’s good for me to hear them talk about their children and home life ups and downs. I can be a facilitator in making their lives easier when I’m aware of their concerns.”
PAULA WHITE  CHILD CARE PROVIDER, WICHITA, KS

BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY CHILD CARE DESIGNATION: “Breastfeeding promotion and encouragement is one of the most important things we can do for the new mothers in our program. We want everyone who steps through our doors to see breastfeeding as a natural part of an early childhood program!”
JILLIAN HOFER  M.ED, DIRECTOR
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

KANSAS QRIS: “At our center we are very appreciative of this program and the services it provides. We learned so much by working in this program and through the eyes of the observer. We are improving every day in the care we offer the children.”
MARGARET LACHOWSKY  DIRECTOR, MATER DEI CHILD CARE CENTER, TOPEKA, KS
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Continued learning enhances practices and creates better quality early learning environments. These opportunities lead to improvements in knowledge, skills, and practices.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® KANSAS Scholarships that make higher education more affordable and provide compensation incentives provided 108 college credit hours for child care providers

Child Care WAGES® KANSAS A wage supplement program provided 4 wage supplements

Child Care Aware Training Academy™ Online researched-based training courses served 105 providers with 1,715 courses taken

“T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship has helped me improve the quality of care I provide. But more than that, it has broadened my horizons. I’ve always frowned upon self-complacency. Gaining a formal education — even as a non-traditional student — is greatly appreciated, and would not have been possible on my income without the scholarship.

I am proud to say I have been a T.E.A.C.H. recipient, and have great appreciation for the program. I have been in the child care field for almost 15 years and learning is an experience I will never outgrow.”

TERRIA ASHBY BELLA’S PLAYHOUSE DAY CARE HOME, ULYSSES, KS

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCIES

CCR&Rs work to improve the quality of child care available for Kansas children and families. Professional staff members drive to child care facilities throughout the state to provide coaching, deliver trainings, and share consumer education materials. At community meetings and during discussions they help to elevate the importance of school readiness in young children.

“Working with our local CCR&R has been beneficial to our Family Child Care Providers Group. The ladies are confident that you are there for them as individuals and as business owners. You come to our homes and work with the children and offer great advice and suggestions. You provide up-to-date trainings, such as First Aid and CPR. We feel more confident about ourselves and our businesses after we have worked with you.”

ANGIE STRUNK CHILD CARE PROVIDER, VICE-PRESIDENT OF FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS OF DICKINSON COUNTY, ABILENE, KS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5,927 ATTENDEES

508 EVENTS

1,313 HOURS COMPLETED

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

3,236 INTERACTIONS PROVIDED
FINANCIALS

Child Care Aware® of Kansas is transparent. We undergo an annual audit of our financial statements to ensure appropriate use of funds. The below information is unaudited at this time.

BALANCE SHEET

Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
DBA Child Care Aware® of Kansas. Year ended December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents $837,475
Accounts receivable 151,517
Prepaid expenses 17,238
Vehicles and equipment, at cost, net 52,333
Fund at Greater Salina Community Foundation 477,072
TOTAL ASSETS $1,535,635

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities
Accounts payable $101,008
Accrued compensation 17,379
Deferred revenue 371,522
Total Liabilities 489,709

Net Assets
Unrestricted 926,546
Temporarily restricted 119,580
Total Net Assets 1,045,926

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $1,535,635

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
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CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Revenue
Contract service income - Government $1,786,416
Grants 980,231
Donations 7,529
Interest 5,794
Other income 22,056
Net assets released from restriction 29,009
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investment 35,620
TOTAL REVENUE $2,866,655

EXPENSES

Programs
Child Care Consumer Education Resources and Referrals (including Infant/Toddler project) $1,554,603
Strengthening Families 420,341
Early Childhood Wellness Project (including Step It Up) 358,527
Educational Services (including T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® KANSAS Project and Kansas QRIS) 94,844
Other programs 130,768
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES 2,559,083
General and administrative expenses 272,133
Fundraising expenses 28,329
TOTAL EXPENSES $2,859,545

NET CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

$7,110

Changes in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Donations 94,834
Net assets released from restriction (29,009)
Net Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets 65,825
Total Change in Net Assets 72,935
Net Assets - Beginning of Year 972,991
Net Assets - End of Year $1,045,926

REVENUE SOURCES

Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies
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Contract Service Income - Government

CONTRACT SERVICE INCOME - GOVERNMENT
Kansas Department for Children and Families $1,727,926
Kansas Department of Health and Environment 58,490
TOTAL REVENUE $1,786,416

GRANTS

Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund $450,205
Kansas Health Foundation 353,026
Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County 43,847
Saline County School Readiness Project 30,468
The Nemours Foundation 22,744
Child Care Aware® of America 18,811
Child Care Aware® of Eastern Kansas 13,529
Kansas Action for Children 11,600
United Way of McPherson County 2,500
Greater Salina Community Foundation 2,440
Other 31,061
TOTAL GRANTS $980,231

Donations 7,529
Interest 5,794
Other income 22,056
Net assets released from restriction 29,009
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investment 35,620
TOTAL REVENUE $2,866,655

DONATIONS-TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED

BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas Foundation $34,364
Earl Sane Foundation 26,500
Kansas Families and Schools Together, Inc. 8,000
Salina Regional Health Foundation 6,756
Don C & Florence M McCune Foundation 5,000
Individual Donations for Scholarships 4,739
Greater Salina Community Foundation 4,140
Verla Nesbitt Joselyn Foundation 2,000
Western Kansas Community Foundation 1,000
Greater Salina Community Foundation 990
Individual Donations for Emergency Preparedness 720
Buhler Community Foundation 375
Altuska International of Salina Kansas Foundation 250
TOTAL DONATIONS TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED $94,834
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Salina Public Library
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