



Thomas County

Parent Resource

Average Cost of Child Care

Age Group	Family Child Care	Child Care Center	School Age Program Day Shift	Preschool
	Weekly, Full-Time Rates Average Cost (\$)	Weekly, Full-Time Rates Average Cost (\$)	Weekly, Part-Time Rates Average Cost (\$)	Weekly, Part-Time Rates Average Cost (\$)
Under 1 year	113.00			
12-17 Months	113.00			
18-23 Months	109.00			
2 Years	109.00			
3 Years	109.00			80.00
4 Years	109.00			110.00
5 Years	105.00			
6 Years and Older	104.00			

Parenting Information

Resource	Contact Information	Services
Free Parent Texting Information	Text KSKIDS to 59925	Information at your fingertips about child development, activities, and more
Parents as Teachers (PAT)	(785) 672-3125 www.nkesc.org	Early education program for parents of children prenatal to 3 years old
Infant-Toddler Services (Tiny-k)	(785) 672-3125 www.nkesc.org	Services for families who have children with developmental delays
Head Start	(785) 672-3125 www.nkesc.org	Early childhood education program serving income eligible families
Screening Services	(785) 672-3125 www.nkesc.org	Screenings to identify delays during normal development
Mental Health Services	(785) 628-2871 www.highplainsmentalhealth.com	Services from individual therapy to medication assessment and management

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Community Resource Sheets

Local Community Services

Resource	Contact Information	Services
Department for Children and Families Services	(785) 462-6760 www.dcf.ks.gov	Child care assistance, child support enforcement, food assistance, health services
Thomas County Health Department	(785) 4160-4596 www.thomascountyks.com	Home health, child care licensing, immunizations, Kan-Be-Healthy, Women, Infants & Children (W.I.C.)
K-State Research & Extension Office (Local Agent)	(785) 460-4582 www.ksre.ksu.edu	Nutrition education, youth development, family financial planning, family life
American Red Cross of Central and Western Kansas (Local Chapter)	(785) 827-3644 www.redcross.org	Community services that help the families in need
Pioneer Memorial Library	(785) 460-4472 www.colbylibrary.com	Books, classes, community information, internet access, children's programs, adult programs
Colby/Thomas County Chamber of Commerce	(785) 460-3401 www.oasisontheplains.com	Community contacts promote and improve the business climate
Thomas County Emergency Management	(785) 460-4516 www.thomascountyks.com	Provides information to plan for a disaster/emergency
Citizens Medical Center, Inc.	(785) 462-7511 www.nwkshealthcare.com	Resource for health care needs, cancer care, emergency care, laboratory, maternity and obstetrics, rehabilitation and surgical

State/National Services

Resource	Contact Information	Services
KanCare	(866) 305-5147 www.kancare.ks.gov	Low cost or no cost health insurance for families and children
United Way 2-1-1 of Kansas	Call 2-1-1 www.211kansas.org	Food pantries, counseling, mentoring, after-school programs, disability services and much more
Parent Help Line	(800) 244-5373	A 24-hour help line for parents in stress or in need of other services
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline	(800) 922-5330	If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected
National Center for Homeless Education	(785) 296-6714 http://bit.ly/2spPMQ5	Guidance is provided to families, and communities who need information regarding students are in homeless situations



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