

Child Care Advisory Council Meeting
10/20/2022

Call to OrderAndrea Day

The Child Care Advisory Council meeting was duly called by Division of Child Care Director Andrea Day and held virtually via Zoom.

In Attendance

Laura Begin, Chuck Bradley, Bill Buchanan, Andrea Day, Eamonn FitzGerald, Brenda Hagan, Charla Heersche, Amy Hood, Kathryn Mullen, Tom Poland, Patricia Porter, Laura Tipton, Jennifer Washburn, Sandy Woodall, Amber Zambrano

Review of Minutes..... Open Discussion

Meeting minutes from July were approved.

KDE Update Bill Buchanan

Through the American Rescue Plan funds, KDE is supporting an early learning team. The team will focus on a teacher/leader community, positive behavioral interventional support through Regional Training Centers, mentorships, and professional development.

The new data system, the Child Outcome Summary (COS), is currently in operation.

The Preschool Advisory Committee will meet on October 27 at 11 AM.

Lastly, links were shared: [Letter on IDEA Services](#), and the [Kentucky Department of Education Preschool Coordinator Advisory Group meeting information](#).

GOEC UpdateBrenda Hagan

The next round of application for the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) has been released. Kentucky can apply for up to 12 million per year for the next three years. GOEC will highlight the current projects they have successfully launched.

Sandra Woodall asked if the application for PDG will be shared at the next ECAC meeting. Brenda Hagan stated this was the purpose of the ECAC emergency meeting, and all individual GOEC committees will be meeting next week to review the application.

DCC Update..... Andrea Day

Andrea Day shared a PowerPoint during the DCC update.

The CCAP regulation was recently amended. The CCAP initial eligibility and redetermination have been raised to 85% of the State Median Income (SMI). In addition, effective 9/1/22, the 3-month Transitional Child Care (TCC) period increased to 6 months. The amendment also included increases in special-rate incentives for non-traditional care, accreditation, and children with special needs.

The CCAP regulation was heard by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee on October 11, 2022. Legislators are concerned about the sustainability of these increases in benefits when federal funds run out. DCC is aware of these concerns and will be closely monitoring the funds needed to sustain these programs.

CCAP enrollment has steadily increased. This reflects the change in January to 200% FPG at the initial application and the recent change to 85% SMI at application.

Month - Year	Number of Families	Number of Children
May 2022	15,096	26,946
June 2022	16,164	28,921
July 2022	16,440	29,622
August 2022	17,841	31,995
September 2022	18,875	33,579
October 2022	19,523	34,648

The table below shows the number of families who have benefited from the transitional child care.

Month - Year	Number of Families	Number of Children
April 2022	10	15
May 2022	15	21
June 2022	12	20
July 2022	55	34
August 2022	29	47
September 2022	24	35
Total	145	172

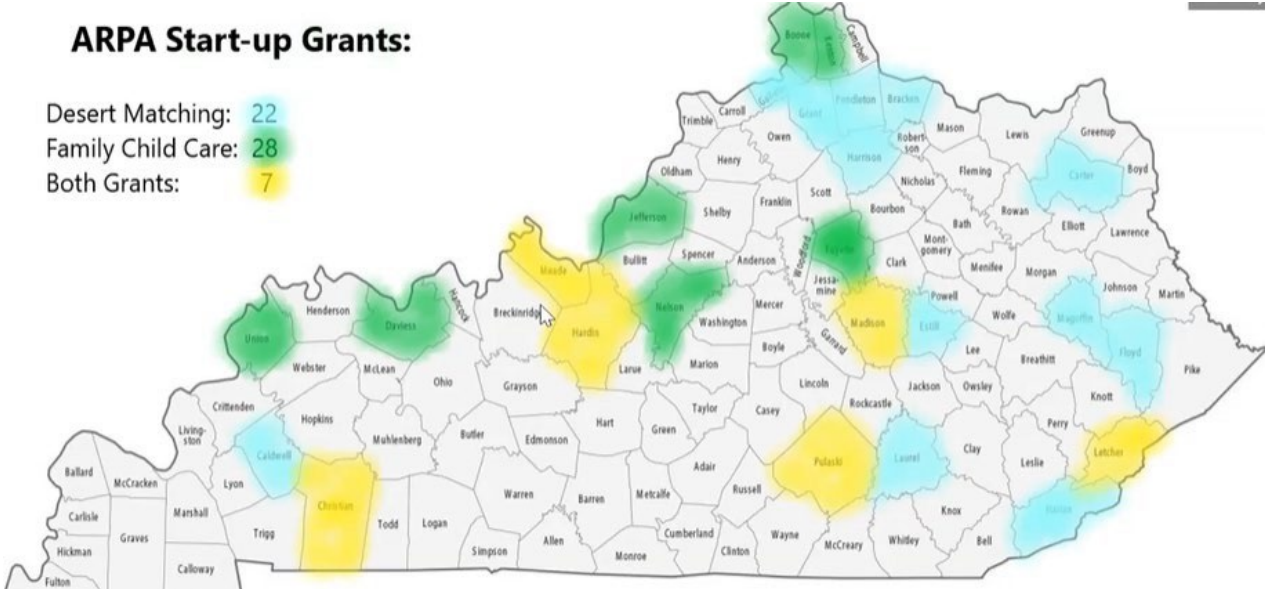
DCC will begin researching how to implement a true graduated phase out for CCAP once ARPA funds have been exhausted.

Effective 10/24/2022, child care employees (who work in a licensed or certified center) will be considered a protected population. This change will allow them to have all earned/unearned household income excluded from their application. Families will still be responsible for any overages. All other mandatory verifications are needed. Child care owners are not eligible. DCC will be sending out promotional materials to child care providers. Andrea encouraged any questions surrounding this new initiative should be sent to the DCC ListServ inbox (DCCListServ@ky.gov).

Sandra Woodall inquired if this new program would impact child care employees' taxes. Andrea Day stated she would investigate this; however, Jennifer Washburn reminded everyone that families should get a tax form with how much they paid to their provider

The American Rescue Plan projects are ongoing. The stabilization funds are still in process, and the fifth payment was released. The business partnership grant has a total of three awards. The child care desert grant has a total of twenty-two (22) awards. The facility repair grant has a total of eight hundred and sixty-three (863) awards. The family childcare start-up grants currently have a total of twenty-eight (28) awards. DCC has increased the family child care start-up grant from \$2500.00 to \$5000.00. Those who were previously approved will receive an additional \$2500.00. DCC hopes more rural areas will take advantage of the grant opportunity.

Andrea shared a map of where the desert and family child care grants have been awarded.

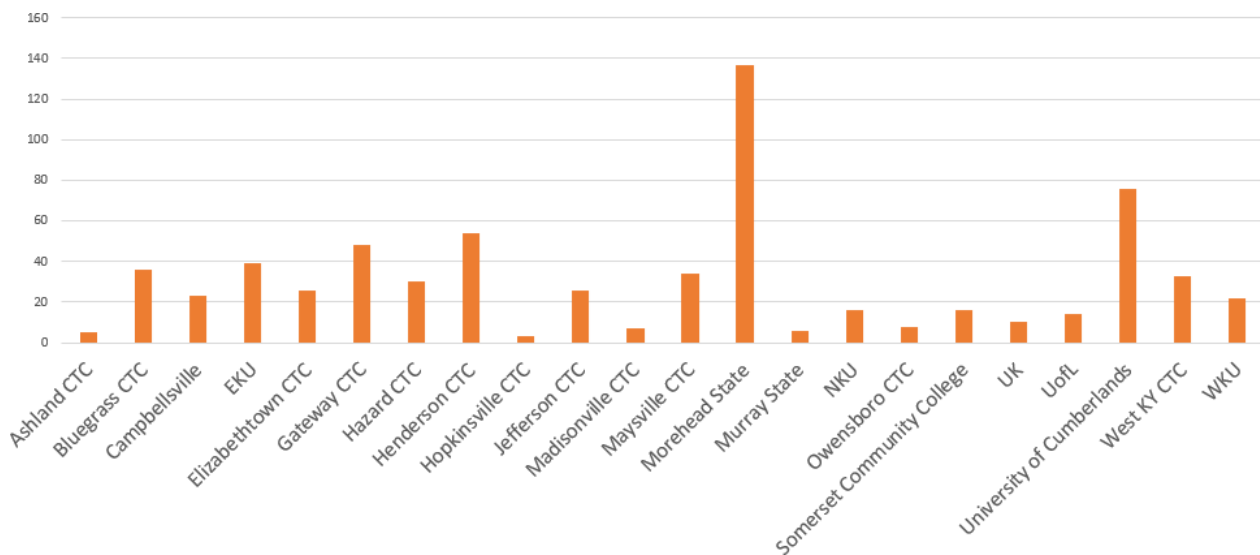


Andrea Day then shared an update on the KHEEA scholarships. The majority of funds have been granted to associate and bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education.

KHEEA Scholarships

- 669 Awards
- 427 individual scholars
- 22 Institutions of Higher Education
 - 51% Universities
 - 49% Community and Technical Colleges
- \$1,395,040 disbursed as of October 6, 2022

Andrea Day showed a graph of where the scholarship awards have been used in colleges throughout Kentucky. The awards have been evenly distributed throughout the state.



DCC is working on the implementation plan for House Bill 499 which creates an employee child care assistance partnership. The regulation (922 KAR 2:165) has been filed as of 09/21/2022 and is in the open comment period until 12/31/2022. DCC is currently developing policies and procedures to run the new program within our division. DCC will hire two additional billing staff, and current CCAP employees will work on the day-to-day operations. A marketing campaign is currently in the planning phase.

DCC plans to create two new credentials: infant and toddler and school-age. Professional Development staff are working with partners to ensure adequate training to receive these credentials.

DCC will also begin participating in Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN-Plus). Usually, a child care program would have to be nationally accredited to participate. This new program will allow a child care program to be a part of the program if they participate in the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). There are no additional administrative duties for DCC to partner with this program. This will significantly benefit military families in finding quality child care not on base.

DCC is currently working on amending the state plan. Our federal monitoring visit will be in December.

Lastly, Andrea Day reminded members about the year-end report due on December 1, 2022. Mike Hammons said he would gladly help, even though he is not a member.

DCC listed the meeting dates for 2023: January 19, April 20, July 20, and October 19, from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM EST. There will be two in-person meetings (with a virtual option as well) and two virtual meetings.

Andrea Day inquired if any members had any questions.

Tom Poland stated he appreciates all the members attending.

Andrea Day inquired if any partners have any community updates.

Mike Hammons reported Learning Grove would be holding a Breakthroughs Conference in November. Mike Hammons will send Andrea Day a link to the conference to share with CCAC members.

Stephanie Barker with the KY Out of School Alliance shared that today is National Lights on Afterschool Day. In addition, she shared a link with the group on school-age child care data.

Chuck Bradley with the Fire Marshall office reported his office is operating at 50% staffing. They are doing the best they can in fulfilling licensing inspections. Chuck Bradley said his office is trying to meet with local fire departments to see if they could conduct licensing facility inspections. He reported this would require a regulation change.

Adjourn

Andrea Day made a call to adjourn the Child Care Advisory Council meeting.