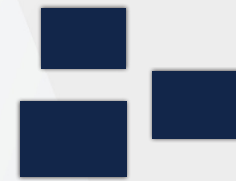


Thank you for your interest in becoming a Child Care Provider enrolled with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).



For more information about becoming a DCF Child Care Provider:

- visit ksqualitynetwork.org,
- contact the nearest DCF office by calling **(833) 765-2003** or
- contact Child Care Aware of KS at **(877) 678-2548**.



Are there families in the community who struggle to pay for child care?



How can a child care provider help?



BECOMING A DCF CHILD CARE PROVIDER

WHAT IS DCF CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE?

- Federal support dollars to help families pay child care expenses at licensed child care centers in the state of Kansas.
- In 2022, families benefit from increased payments and block scheduling!
- Some parents must meet certain work requirements to qualify for assistance.
- Families must meet income requirements, which are verified by DCF staff.



WHO BENEFITS FROM CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE?

Kansas families – Families will receive assistance to help pay for the cost of child care.

Kansas workforce – With the knowledge that their children are in a safe, stable, nurturing environment, parents can be at work and focused on their jobs.

Kansas children – As a DCF provider, the child care program will be helping to provide equal access to high quality child care programs that support child development and learning.

The provider – As a Child Care Assistance provider, there is more than financial support.

- Parents in the community who use Child Care Assistance connect with others in the community and share their story of quality child care at licensed centers.
- A network of other child care providers to learn from and bounce ideas off of.
- Opportunities for professional development and training.
- Supporting the families you serve as they balance work and family responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DCF PROVIDERS:

- ✓ Keep attendance records
- ✓ Maintain payment records
- ✓ Discuss payment policies with parents
- ✓ Follow KDHE licensing regulations
- ✓ Report certain changes

HOW CAN DCF PROVIDER ENROLLMENT STAFF SUPPORT PROVIDERS?

- Assistance and consultation by phone call or email.
- Support throughout the application process.

HOW ARE PAYMENTS MADE?

DCF makes it easy! Payments are made electronically, and DCF will even help with set-up.

DCF does not make payments to providers. Parents pay providers with their EBT Child Care Assistance and personal funds. Please refer to the DCF Provider handbook section—DCF Benefit Rates and Payment Policies page 7.

