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Innovation Corner



A space to highlight innovative ways communities are caring for children and increasing access to high quality child care.

Warren County Early Learning Academy -

www.wbko.com/2025/11/24/wcps-opens-first-designated-preschool-center/

OneWest -

www.wlky.com/article/onewest-convert-shawnee-headquarters-child-care-facility/65479623



*To highlight an innovative early care and education initiative in your community, please email kate.dean@uky.edu

Child Care Aware® of Kentucky
presents at

The Lakes Industrial Summit

Bethany Davis, Director of Data Evaluation & Impact and Regional Child Care Administrator for The Lakes Region, was recently invited to present during the Industrial Leaders Summit hosted by Lake Barkley Partnership. The presentation focused on the impact of early care and education on today's workforce, examined the local child care landscape, provided examples of Kentucky based employer-child care partnerships, and invited representatives from local manufacturers to strategize solutions to support their employees' child care needs. Attendees were also introduced to Child Care Aware® of Kentucky resources, including the Family Toolkit and the Employer Toolkit, as well as information about the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) subsidy and the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership Program (ECCAP). Lake Barkley Partnership is a rural, regional economic development organization serving Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, and Lyon Counties in West Kentucky.

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day



Child Care Provider Appreciation Day falls annually on the Friday before Mother's Day. This year we will celebrate the hard work and important role of those caring for our young children on **May 8**.

How might you participate in Child Care Provider Appreciation Day?

- Consider catering lunch for the staff of the child care providers near you - CCA can help research a list of providers near your business.
- Host a supply drive or fundraiser and donate to a child care serving employees working for your business.
- Partner with the local newspaper or media outlet to share a thank you message.
- Send hand written thank you notes to child care providers serving your employees.
- Make public social media posts showing appreciation for child care providers enabling your employees to go to work.

Sign up to receive additional resources from Child Care Aware® of America here:

www.providerappreciation.org

ECE Workforce Support - The Kentucky Career Center

<https://kcc.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

The Kentucky Career Center is your one-stop hub for building and strengthening Kentucky's early childhood workforce – all at no cost to you. Whether you're looking to hire qualified staff, train your current team, or find new ways to retain top talent, we're here to help. Our experts connect you with the right partners, programs, and solutions so you can focus on what matters most – providing quality care and education for Kentucky's children.

Services

Recruit & Retain Talent

- Post jobs and connect through job fairs and hiring events
- Tap into new and diverse talent pools
- Get expert guidance on employee engagement and retention

Train & Grow Your Team

- Access skill-building resources and on-site training
- Explore professional development opportunities for your staff

Support for Your Business

- Get help navigating workforce and employer services
- Build customized workforce strategies tailored to your center's needs

Meet Our Staff



Bethany Davis

Director of Data Evaluation
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Bethany wears a couple of hats at CCA, serving as the Director of Data Evaluation and Impact statewide and the Regional Child Care Administrator for The Lakes Region (Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, Muhlenberg, Todd, and Trigg). Bethany is instrumental in collecting and analyzing data for the Market Rate Survey, Cost of Quality report; Landscape report; and so much more.

Research can be found on the CCA website:
www.childcareawareky.org
and requests for data can be made to:
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