



Communities for Kids

KEITH COUNTY



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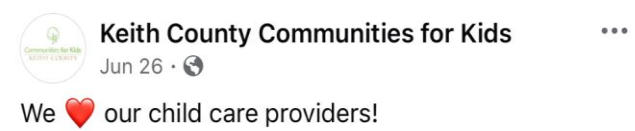


- Hannah Carlson- Coordinator
- Jo Brown- Former School Principal
- Mary Perice- Former College Administrator
- Laura Kemp- Communities for Kids advisor
- Cheryl Roche- Former High Plains Learning Coordinator
- Jake Fehr-Ogallala Public School
- Mary Ann Christensen- Center Director
- Maddie Breer- Preschool/Childcare Teacher
- Stephanie Tophoj- Former Educator/Childcare provider
- Miss Elizabeth -CASA
- Miss JoAnna-CASA

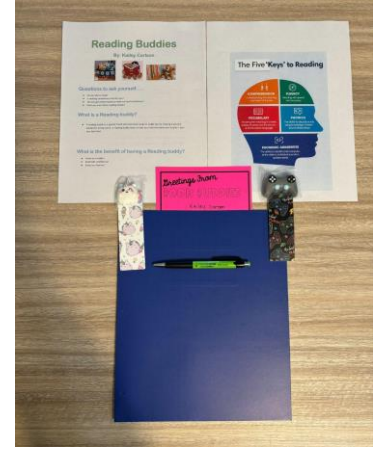
CORE TEAM

Ariana, Loera, and Bristol worked with mentor Heather Orth, and C4K coordinator Laura Kemp by putting together Child Care Appreciation Day baskets for the providers in Keith County.

Keith County Youth Philanthropy Project



Kailey worked with mentor Hannah Carlson, and C4k Coordinator Laura Kemp, She provided Book Buddies to 43 students in Keith County between St. Luke's and St. Pauls schools. C4K donated the tote bags for the project.



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YOU ARE INVITED

To review the results of the Keith County Community for Kids survey about the importance of education, the needs of early child development and child providers needs in our area.

Thursday, June 20th 2019 | 12:00pm
Front Street (Upstairs)

Western Buffett provided by KCC4K
RSVP by June 11th
402-980-9436 or loreb@wolfauto.com



GUEST SPEAKER

Elizabeth Everett
Policy Associate for First Five Nebraska
(FFN)

Parents & Community Members

Please join us for

The Power of Play in a
High-Tech World



June 23rd

Mid Plains
Community College
512 E B St
Ogallala, NE



Featuring Cari Ebert

Cari Ebert, MS, CCC-SLP, is a pediatric speech-language pathologist in private practice in the Kansas City, Missouri area. She specializes in the birth to 5 population and believes that collaborating with parents, caregivers, and teachers is the most effective way to support early learning and development.

She has an energetic personality, and this translates to a high-energy speaking style. Join Cari as she explores important issues for enhancing the development of young children—you'll be glad you took the time!

Light Supper Provided
6:00 – 6:30 PM MST
Presentation
6:30 – 8:30 PM MST

Please register by June 20th

Register at:
<https://forms.gle/CnE1TXNrmCtj5vM8>
or scan the QR code



JIM Gill's
SING-A-THON OF
Celebrated SONGS

MUSIC PLAY
in FAMILIES
sing, clap & dance
together!

FREE EVENT

COMING TO
Ogallala Nebraska
Friday June 21st
6-7pm
Downtown @ Rendezvous Square
Bring your own chair

Logos for Communities for Kids, Keith County, Hooped in Relationships, Nebraska Early Development Network, and Jim Gill's.

Guest Speakers and Events

High-Quality Early Childhood Learning Opportunities

- Permit new people to enter the workforce
- Provide the stability our current workforce needs to stay engaged in their work
- Increase workforce productivity by decreasing absenteeism

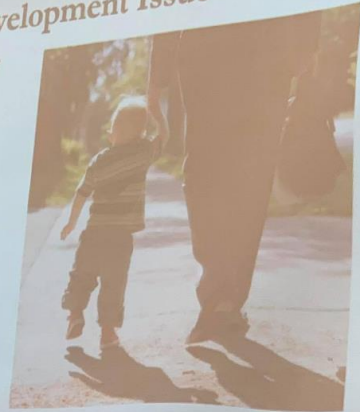


Early Childhood is an Economic Development Issue

Working parents in Nebraska often struggle to find quality child care—threatening their ability to enter and remain in the workforce.

With nearly **58,000 available, unfilled jobs** in Nebraska, that's a serious obstacle for local and statewide economic growth.

Child care costs the U.S. **57 billion in lost earnings, productivity and revenue.** ("Want to Grow," 2019)



Early Childhood Keith County Nebraska



Cheryl Roche, ESU
Elizabeth Everett, First Five Nebraska
Sami Bradley, Nebraska Children/Rooted in Relationships
Marti Beard, Nebraska Children/Communities for Kids

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Presenters:

Cheryl Roche, Sami Bradley and Marti Beard



Laura, Jo, and Mary are part of our CORE TEAM. They scored a picture with the famous Rachel. Rachel has been an amazing mentor for C4K in Keith County!

Thriving Conference

Hannah Carlson offers a 6-week Positive Solutions Class through a grant provided by Rooted in Relationships (RiR). This class is designed to build social and emotional development. It provides parents with tools and resources to address behaviors at different stages during childhood.

Positive Solutions- Rooted in Relationships

This will be our 3rd year this spring, looking for information!



Have you ever "been puzzled" wondering...

- Why does my child act like that?
- How can I better connect with my child?

Here is a chance to put the puzzle pieces together!



Meet with other caregivers and discuss how to:

- ◆ *Connect* with your child
- ◆ *Develop* a Nurturing and Responsive Relationship
- ◆ *Understand* why children do what they do
- ◆ *Teach* children what you want them to do
- ◆ *Handle* Challenging Behavior



Who should attend: Parents/Guardians/Caregivers of children up to age 8

Location: TBA

Dates: February 17th-March 23rd *These dates are Saturdays, We are open to weeknight class as well depending what works best for all enrolled.

Time: 11:30 Am-1:00 PM *we can be flexible with time as well *Lunch will be provided*

Facilitator: Hannah Carlson

Incentives and Certificates available for those who attend
Class size is LIMITED so Register TODAY



BY:





Diaper Shower Preparation and Block Party Information 2023



**Pictured:
Laura, Caitlin &
Kent**

Keith County Big Give



The Team!



Mr. Russell



**Nebraska State Senator
Matt Williams**

Child Care Providers Grow the Future!



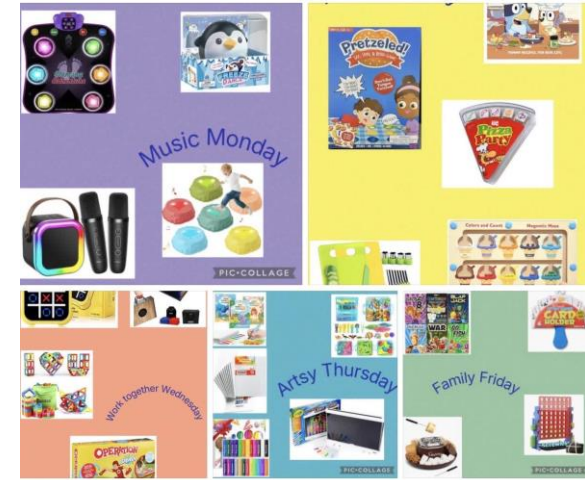
National Night Out

Laura, MaryAnn, Maddie, and Stephanie ran a booth at National Night Out.
It was a hit!



Easter Egg Hunt

Each year, we put out three thousand eggs, then we donate them to the Cheerleaders for a fundraiser.



Week Of the Young Child

Each year we join in celebrating with the NAEYC and sponsor a kick-off event to raise awareness about early childhood development. This also encourages families to get involved.

Top picture- Provider Appreciation Gifts



Child Care Providers

Other pictures: A grant from C4K provided new materials to our childcare providers through LakeShore.

C4K, helped provide calming corners to area Kindergarten teachers, who took an online course about social and emotional development. Five in total were provided.

What was in the calming corners?

- Social and Emotional books
- Emotion Charts
- Sensory Toys
- Canopy
- Pillows



Calming Corners

- Build relationships between childcare providers, pre-school and Kindergarten teachers.
- What are the next steps as kids progress from childcare into preschool and Kindergarten?
- Share what is working and areas for improvement.

Our Members –

- Keri Stabb- Preschool
- Amanda Brewster- Center Director
- MaryAnn Christensen- Center Director
- Kayla Schmittler- In home Childcare owner
- Maddie Breer- Childcare Classroom Teacher
- Hannah Carlson-C4k Coordinator

Keith County Mentoring Program Goals



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