

PIECE Interagency Coordinating Council
Meeting Agenda for January 22, 2025

- I. Welcome
- II. Guest Presentations – Michael Freeland with Mr. Freeland Design, PIECE Logo
 - a. We will get all the logo files. Lindsey will send out an email with logo options for a vote.
- III. Organization Reports
 - a. SCCA: 18 preschool openings
 - b. USD 305: Preparing for the 4th annual Kindergarten Readiness workshop
 - c. USD 239: 18 families currently enrolled. They passed the accreditation and were awarded the Blue Ribbon. They have completed their mid-year report and are on track. They are researching technology and recruitment materials and creating an advisory committee. They are signing Bright Future Assurances next year.
 - d. SES PAT: They have hired Lindsey Frank as their parent educator and completed the mid-year report.
 - e. KCIE: They have completed the preschool pilot program grant. All eight building preschool programs are full. They are doing free monthly screenings in Salina; please call for extra screenings outside of Saline County.
 - f. DCF: Please refer families to the LIEAP assistance. The application closes 3/31/25 at 5 p.m. A new online portal is available for child support services. Child abuse training is available; please sign up through KCSL. DCF is hiring.
 - g. Heartland: Enrolling in 2024-2025 preschool, but do not apply through Skyward. Ages 0-3 years have a short waitlist. They have completed the PAT mid-year report. Currently hiring teachers, family consultants, and data entry.
 - h. ICD: Currently looking to hire an OT, heavy on referrals, serving 208 kids.
 - i. KCCTO: January Community Collaboration meeting with Rachel and Ingrid, opportunity to connect and collaborate. Specifically offering infant toddler training lately. Will help set up CAPE accounts.
 - j. Child Care Aware: They have started winter assessments and are offering professional development opportunities but are not currently live with CAPE.
 - k. United Way: Wrapping up the first Early Childcare Initiative grant cycle. Will open the Early Childcare Initiative grant application next week, and awardees will be notified in late March. \$250,000 was available during this last grant cycle and more will be available in the upcoming cycle. Rapid rehousing grants are available but must apply before signing a lease; the grant is capped at \$300.
 - l. SCHD Licensing.: Almost 100% with new licensing regulations. CAPE is the state's new workforce registry and will house all training records.

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KDHE has health and safety grants available. Please pay attention to legislative issues.

- m. CKMHC: 90 kids 3-6 years old receiving services. They will be separating children and adult services next year – moving youth services to 124 Iowa Ave. Paxtools training is available for childcare providers or parents. They partner with Ottawa Co., providing parents with education with meals and childcare available. New parent-peer staff, Molly Pierce.
- n. CAPS: Currently serving 451 children and 378 families. Applied for ECBG, competitive grant year, requested 1.4 million, projected to serve over 700 children for FY25-26. Still providing CPR/AED/First Aid training.
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IV. Old Business

V. New Business

a. WOYC 2025 – April 7-11, 2025

- 1. Music Monday: Joyful Noise Studios
Lindsey will contact Joyful Noise Studio at the mall
- 2. Tasty Tuesday: CKMHC & K-State Research & Extension
Julie will contact K-State Midway District for collaboration and will call restaurants for possible discounted offers for children and families
- 3. Work Together Wednesday: United Way & Kids Creative Corners
Christina will reach out for activity and contact Tia to use Kids Creative Corners as location
- 4. Artsy Thursday: Saline County Health Department
- 5. Family Friday: Donna L. Vanier Children's Center
Family carnival at Donna L. Vanier Parking Lot. Lindsey will contact Bounce A Roos for bouncy houses, Emily will check the budget, DCF will do rubber ducks, SCHD will have corn hole, SCCA dancing and healthy snack, ICD will have petting zoo, United Way will have books and make and take book marks, more to come!

b. Kindergarten Readiness

- 1. Teachers want social emotional and academic balance.
Kindergarten Readiness Booklets available. Possible future event hosted by PIECE for a family friendly Kindergarten Readiness Workshop.

VI. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

VII. Adjournment

Next meeting date – Wednesday, March 12th at 1:00 pm