## **Crawford County Kids Association**

Working to increase the quality and capacity of child care services in Crawford County.

October 2022 Summer/Fall 2022 2022 Spring 2022 **Grants and Support for Funding Secured Recognition of Current Need Identified Existing Providers Providers** Surveys and workshops identified a need To date, \$916,000 has been received from 50+ attended an event to celebrate Classes were offered to improve quality of for additional child care services in a variety of sources for childcare. existing providers. care. Grants were provided upon Crawford County. At this time there were completion of program. 3 of 12 providers 12 providers, 278 licensed spots and over participated, \$54,000 in grants were 200 children on waitlists for child care. issued to existing providers. Summer 2023 May 2023 Fall 2023 **Planning New Facility Continuing Education for Growing the Workforce Existing Providers** 9 lots were purchased in Robinson for a Updates and funding were provided to RHS Free continuing education classes were new child care facility. This facility would and LTC early childhood education gateway offered to child care workers starting in provide 110 new childcare spaces, 20+ job program. To date, 82 students have enrolled 2023. To date, 3 classes have been held opportunities and potentially offer much and \$5,600 in funding has been provided. with over 65 people attending. needed coverage for 2nd shift workers. Fall 2024 On the Horizon Fall/Winter 2024 On the Horizon **Breaking Ground Website Hub Future Support Potential Scholarship/Grant Program** Plans are being made to update the CCKA Additional free continuing education Building designs are in the final Currently working to put in place a website to provide resources for both opportunities for childcare workers are stages with plans to break ground continued scholarship program that would providers and families, such as, upcoming scheduled. Finacial support of the early late Fall 2024. assist families with the cost of childcare continuing education, grant opportunities, childhood education gateway program will scholarship opportunities, provider also continue. and provide funding for existing providers.

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