



Raising JoCo Early Childhood Coalition

Presented to City of Overland Park
Community Development Committee

Established in June of 2023 with funding from Child Care Aware of Kansas

Raising JoCo is a coalition made up of:

Early child care professionals

Business leaders

Community advocates

Child care Licensing Staff

Early childhood partner organizations



AN EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION

Overarching Goal

- To engage community partners, providers, and families in collaborative work aimed at identifying innovative, affordable, accessible, and sustainable solutions for strengthening early childhood care and education in Johnson County



Child Care Challenges are Workforce Challenges

- The current system is unsustainable
- Traditional affordability metrics are misleading

Age Group for Family Child Care	Average Part-time Rate			Average Full-time Rate		
	Hourly	Weekly	Monthly	Hourly	Weekly	Monthly
Infant (0-11 months) for Family Homes	\$8.83	\$173.46	\$1,100.00	\$6.80	\$221.23	\$1,115.00
Toddler (12-35 months) for Family Homes	\$7.67	\$159.33	\$497.75	\$6.60	\$209.40	\$961.43
Preschool (3 years)	\$6.83	\$146.43	\$285.33	\$6.60	\$203.76	\$874.00
Preschool (4 years)	\$6.50	\$147.21	\$306.67	\$6.60	\$197.57	\$867.50
Kindergarten (5 years)	\$6.93	\$124.15	\$352.50	\$6.50	\$181.85	\$867.50
School Age (6 years & older)	\$7.25	\$110.02	\$352.50	\$10.00	\$164.62	\$725.00

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- **Shared responsibility is essential**
- **Deregulation isn't the answer**

What can you do??

- Consider adding onsite childcare for your employees
- Contract with a local child care center or home for guaranteed slots or discounts
- Offer child care tax credits
- Offer dependent care pre tax plans
- Consider a tri-share model
- **AND** join Raising JoCo and help make the difference in the early childhood community

Thank you



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Cost for Family Child Care Home

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Cost of Childcare in Johnson County - Center

Age Group for Child Care Centers	Average Part-time Rate			Average Full-time Rate		
	Hourly	Weekly	Monthly	Hourly	Weekly	Monthly
Infant (0-12 months) for Child Care Centers	\$10.91	\$296.40	N/A	N/A	\$375.85	\$1,691.37
Infant (12-17 months) for Child Care Centers	\$9.44	\$216.80	\$526.78	N/A	\$332.27	\$1,555.86
Toddler (18-23 months) for Child Care Centers	\$9.44	\$205.14	\$389.33	N/A	\$324.30	\$1,464.75
Toddler (2 years) for Child Care Centers, Head Start, Preschools	\$8.74	\$194.39	\$382.47	\$10.50	\$299.11	\$1,316.31
Preschool (3 years)	\$8.60	\$165.54	\$447.10	\$10.50	\$264.98	\$1,140.91
Preschool (4 years)	\$8.60	\$152.68	\$494.09	\$10.50	\$259.70	\$1,139.04
Kindergarten (5 years)	\$8.60	\$146.57	\$538.00	\$10.50	\$248.94	\$1,129.80
School Age (6 years & older)	\$8.03	\$129.72	\$661.67	\$10.50	\$208.38	\$1,093.80