## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TASK FORCE

- 1. Framing the Conversation: Why child care matters to Kentucky's economy and the business community
- 2. Examples of Employer-led Solutions
- 3. The Federal Landscape for Child Care Policy
- 4. State Efforts throughout the Nation
- 5. Policy Recommendations





## **KENTUCKY'S WORKFORCE CRISIS**

## KY Job Vacancies (blue) vs. Unemployment (red)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics





## **KENTUCKY'S WORKFORCE CRISIS**



U.S. and Kentucky Workforce Participation Rate, 2001 - 2022

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics





## **ROOT CAUSES OF KY'S WORKFORCE CRISIS**

- Poor Health Outcomes
- Demographic Change
- Addiction
- Benefits Cliffs
- Transportation
- Re-entry
- Educational Attainment
- Child Care







# **CHILD CARE & THE WORKFORCE CRISIS**

- Bipartisan Policy Center Polling
  - 68 percent: child care affected my ability to stay in the workforce
  - 66 percent: child care affected my ability to work more hours
  - 20 percent: quit a job to stay at home with a child
- Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey
  - Not working because of care "for children not in school or daycare" in Kentucky
  - 45,981
  - 58.2 <> 59.5 Labor Force Participation
- \$573 million in lost productivity, revenues, and earnings
- Cumulative Economic Impact: \$2.12 to \$3.23b in Kentucky







## **EMPLOYER-LED SOLUTIONS**

- Sandy Nott, Vice President of Administration, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc.
- **Twila Burdette**, Director, Rockcastle Hospital Child Development Center
- Kuna Tavalin, Senior Advisor, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation









## **TOYOTA MOTOR MANUFACTURING, KY (TMMK) -**CHILDCARE CENTER OVERVIEW

#### **ONE TOYOTA**



### Toyota Child Development Center

• Est. January 1993







## **Toyota Child Development Center**

Current Enrollment				
Group	1st	2nd		
Infants	20	8		
Toddlers	14	9		
Twos	19	6		
Preschool	60	11		
School Age	25	7		
Shift Totals	138	41		
	179			



Waitlist						
Shift	<b>Room Capacity</b>	In Process	Not Born	Future List	Total	
1st	37	3	15	16	71	
2nd	0	4	3	10	17	

Open Position				
Shift	Teacher	Associate		
1st	6	0		
2nd	3	0		

## **Toyota Child Development Center**

### **Center Highlights**

- Center opened January 1993
- Angie Looney is the Center Director and has been at the Toyota site for 25 yrs!
- 5 Star Rating since 2017 (KY Rated)
- Created first School Age Sleep Room 2015 (Nighttime care/Weekend Care)
- 5 staff obtained Early Childhood Credentials in the last 12 months
- 24 hrs/day 5 days a week (6 days/week if Production Saturday)
- First childcare center to reopen during pandemic closures (Benchmark)
- Offered onsite virtual learning for School Age children during the pandemic
- Buses bring school age kids to and from school
- Field trips for school age kids
- Community outreach projects









## **Toyota Family Support Services**

#### Bright Horizons Back-Up Care'

#### Toyota Makes the Work-Family Balancing Act Easier

What will you do when family care is up in the air and you need to work? Count on your program during school breaks, child or adult caregiver vacations, and more. Plus, get the reassurance you need from health and safety policies that set the standard for the industry.

#### Use your benefit for:

- Your child under age 12 in high-quality centers across the country or your home
- Your child ages 12 17 and adult/elder loved ones ages 18+ in your home or theirs, nationwide
- Yourself post-surgery, when recovering from an illness, or after the birth of your child
- Virtual tutoring for your child (ages 5 18) in a variety of subjects – each back-up care day you exchange provides 4 hours of virtual tutoring

#### Toyota gives you:

- > 15 back-up care days per calendar year
- Affordable care options copays are as follows:
- Child care center: \$15/child/day; \$25/family/day\*
- In-home: \$6/hour\*
- Virtual tutoring: \$15/day exchanged

#### How does it work? Scan this QR Code to watch a 2 minute video:



#### Bright Horizons EdAssist Solutions'

#### Make Your Own Education a Priority

Build new skills or get the degree you've always wanted. Save money and get ahead faster with your benefit.

- Get free, personalized guidance from education and financial wellness coach
- Choose a program online or in person that matches your goals
- Get exclusive discounts on tuition and fees at 200+ network schools
- Access webinars for adult learners, schoo details, and policy information
- Apply online through a user-friendly platfor and simple process

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Start making your life easier. Your new My Bright Horizons platform gives you access to all programs in one place, as well as personalized recommendations for you and your family. Toyota employees must be registered to access all Bright Horizons services, and registration is free.

#### Get Started Today https://clients.brighthorizons.com/toyota



### Toyota Family Support Services

#### Managed by Corporate Shared Services



## Family care, academic support for you

and your child, and help with your many responsibilities – that's what you get with your Bright Horizons' programs, provided by Toyota.

https://clients.brighthorizons.com/toyota

#### Bright Horizons Enhanced Family Supports™ More Support for Your Whole Family

Ongoing child care, occasional sitters, care for the family pet, fun and educational activities for your child, and more – you've got it all.

- Free Sittercity membership (\$150 value) to find and background-check babysitters, nannies, elder caregivers, pet sitters, and household help
- Online enrichment courses for your child, all with exclusive discounts
- Preferred enrollment for full- and part-time child care and waived registration fees at most Bright Horizons centers
- High-touch, discounted nanny placement service
- Elder care companions, free online needs assessments, & senior housing search and evaluation tools





#### Bright Horizons College Coach<sup>\*</sup> Planning Your Child's Path to College

Navigating the path to college with your child? We'll make it less stressful. Paid for by Toyota and free to you, you have access to:

- One-on-one guidance from former college admissions and financial aid officers
- Expert strategies for saving, applying, and paying for college
- Advice on building a college list
- Reviews and specific feedback on up to 15 versions of your child's college administrations account

#### Bright Horizons Special Needs<sup>™</sup> Be Your Child's Biggest Advocate



Questions about your child's development? Is your child facing challenges or overwhelming stress at home or in the classroom? *Bright Horizons Special Needs*<sup>™</sup> is paid for by Toyota and free for your family. Take advantage of:

- Free one-on-one guidance from education experts
- Help advocating for your child (infant young



## **Toyota Child Development Center**

## April 19, 2022 Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman Visit







# Rockçastle Hospital Child Development Center



"As a preemie mama, having onsite childcare for our family has been the biggest blessing of my job. I commute 45 minutes one way to work. Being able to have my children across the street is amazing. If they need medication, or they get hurt, I can be with them within a few minutes. I don't have to go out of my way to drop my children off or pick them up, which saves so much time and gas. It is a perk that I have never seen at any other place of employment- but is really the best perk.

Also, can I just again tell you how thankful I am for you and your staff. The things they teach the girls and the involvement in their day. It is so refreshing being able to drop the girls off and not worry about them- even if sometimes they would rather stay with ya'll than come home with me. I can not say enough about you all and how very grateful I am. Thank you for loving the girls and me as an extension of them."

"Rockcastle Regional Child Development Center has accommodated my son's disability enabling me to work. This is invaluable to me and my family. I also love that I can come over and nurse my baby whenever my schedule allows."

"As a parent of a child with special needs it has always been reassuring having a consistent, dependable place for my children. Knowing my child can get off the school bus, have a snack, and be provided with top notch care, is worth more than anything as a parent. The familylike environment always let me rest knowing my child was taken care of." "It's super hard being a working mom, but knowing my babies are well taken care of and that I can come visit when on a break, call to check on how they are doing, or being able to immediately get to them if an emergency occurs is a game changer for me and always have been. My children have been at RHCDC for almost 7 years now, and I would never have them anywhere else."

Parent Testimonials

> "Beyond the fact that it is a great child care center, I cannot imagine leaving my children at a daycare away from me, with people I don't know. I'm from out of state, so I don't know too many people in the area. Having a safe place for my children, near me is wonderful. Not having a second stop in the morning getting to work allows me to conveniently get to them and miss less work."

"Being a working mom is hard. I feel like the days pass quickly and I'm not able to spend the time id like with my son. However, by having childcare at my work, I am able to maximize that time as I am able to see him as soon as I clock in and as soon as I clock out. Knowing my child is only so many feet away from me, also calms my fears as a first time mother as I can go to him at any point during my work day if needed."

"As a parent of young children, there is no greater convenience than being able to take your kids to work with you. Knowing you are able to physically check in on them is without a doubt the greatest benefit we have here. It's perhaps the sole reason I chose to work here."

"The main reason I came to Rockcastle to work is because of the day care. I never had to use daycare with my older children but have to with my youngest. After working in the social work field for so long including with OIG investigating/licensing child care facilities it was a very hard thing for me to accept that I would have to trust my baby with strangers. I could work about anywhere else besides here and make more money but I would not be able to randomly check on my daughter throughout my work day. One of my favorite things is being able to take a minute to watch her playing on the playground with her friends and know she is happy and safe.

## The Chamber & Childcare

- 2017 released the business case for high-quality childcare:
- Strengthens our workforce & local economies
- Supports children to grow and learn their fullest potential



U.S. Chamber of Commerce



## WORKFORCE OF TODAY, WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW: The Business Case for High-Quality Childcare



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION Center for Education and Workforce

- June & Oct 2020
- Parents who cited childcare as a reason for not returning to work:
- 50%
- Employers expressing concern their employees may not fully return to work
- 40%



# **PIECING TOGETHER SOLUTIONS:** The Importance of Childcare to **U.S.** Families and Businesses

Working parents, employers, and childcare providers need long-term, cross-sector solutions to recover from COVID-19.

# Executive Briefing ESSENTIAL CARE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

U.S. Chamber of Commerce



# Federal Funding for CCDBG

Mandatory: \$2,917,000,000 for Fiscal Years (FY) 2014-2020 \$3,550,000,000 for FY 2021-2022

Discretionary: \$2,360,000,000 in FY 2014, with small bumps annually Big step up to \$5,226,000,000 in FY 2018

Current funding level- \$6,165,000,000



J.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Political state-of-play

- Democrats: sweeping reforms and significant \$ increases
- Republicans: build on existing structure, leave \$ to discretion of appropriators
- Inability to work together = inaction

# Build Back Better Act

Birth-5 Child Care and Early Learning Entitlement Program

- "Certificate" (voucher) program
- Families making up to 75% of SMI fully funded
- Creates sliding scale for co-payments at 75% of SMI, capped at 7% and 200% of SMI
- Child care wages align with elementary school Universal Pre-K
- For all 3- and 4- year olds
- Initial programs must be established in stateassessed high-needs communities



state match: total: mandatory \$384b over 6 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Political state-of-play

- Partisan, Democrats only
- NOT united in the Senate
- Smaller package may be negotiated
- Childcare NOT on the table
- Champions renewing
  push

# CCDBG Reauthorization Act of 2022

- Increases eligibility caps on families to 150% of SMI
- Creates a sliding scale for co-payments triggered at 75% of SMI and capped at 7%
- Places an emphasis on mixed delivery systems
- Supports more expansive education and professional development for child care workers
- Supports facility development and improvements
- Improves reimbursement rates to reflect real costs
- Leaves funding decisions to appropriators (discretionary)



U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Political state-of-play

- Partisan, Republican only
- Rebuttal to BBB proposal
- Will NOT be considered in this Congress

# **SNAPSHOT: STATE-LED SOLUTIONS**

- Missouri: Child care task-force; \$20 million in child care funding to promote innovative solutions
- Michigan: Tri-Share pilot- public/private partnership to share cost of childcare
- Colorado: Ballot initiative to fund universal preschool through tobacco tax; establishment of the Department of Early Childhood
- And of course, Kentucky! HB 499





## **KY CHAMBER: POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- Ensure the Success of House Bill 499
- Stabilize the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Study Local Zoning Ordinances
- Ensure the Success of the Business Partnerships Grants Program
- The Employer-Provided Child Care Tax Credit (The Child Care Facilities Tax Credit)
- Fund the Early Childhood Development Scholarship





