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**TENTATIVE
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**2023 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHILD CARE CENTERS AND CHILD CARE
HOMES**

September 26, 2023

**Tuesday, September 26
All-day Session**

Room 582-N—Statehouse

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- 8:00 a.m. Welcome
- 8:15 a.m. Presentations on the Status of Child Care in Kansas
- Janet Stanek, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
 - Derik Flerlage, Bureau Director, Family Health, KDHE
 - Melissa Schoenberger, Director of Systems and Field Services, Child Care Licensing, KDHE
 - Jarvis Dolemen, Director of Operations, Child Care Licensing, KDHE
 - Alyson Dalrymple, Deputy Bureau Director, Family Health, KDHE
 - Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal
 - Melissa Rooker, Executive Director, Kansas Children's Cabinet
 - Carla Whiteside-Hicks, Ph.D., Economic and Employment Services Director, Department for Children and Families
 - Cheryl Johnson, Director of Child Nutrition and Wellness, Kansas State Department of Education
- 12:00 p.m. Break
- 12:15 p.m. Governor's Early Childhood Task Force
- Dan Wuori, Ph.D., Senior Director of Early Learning, The Hunt Institute
 - Cornelia Stevens, Executive Director, TOP Early Learning Centers, Co-Chair of the Early Childhood Transition Taskforce
- 1:15 p.m. Stakeholder Input
- Andrew Wiens, Director of Government Relations, Dugan Consulting Group
 - Kelly Davydov, Executive Director, Child Care Aware of Kansas
 - William Wilk, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce
 - John Wilson, President, Kansas Action for Children

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- Elizabeth Patton, Kansas State Director, Americans for Prosperity
- Tiffany Mannes, Owner, AT Home Play School/Vice President, Child Care Providers Coalition (CCPC)
- Mary Baker, Owner, Baker Daycare
- Jennifer Lemons, Owner, Abundant Hearts Daycare
- Amy Powers, Owner/Director, Happy Campers Montessori School and Child Development Center
- Lisa Schmidt, Executive Director, Women's Community Y of Leavenworth
- Lesley Hazleton, Chief Financial Officer, Cox Machine, Inc.
- Emily Barnes, Owner, Barnes Childcare
- Lance Patterson, CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Hutchinson
- Eldonna Chesnut, Division Director of Child Care Licensing, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
- Dr. Amanda Vega-Mavec, Vice President of Programs, El Centro, Inc.
- Melissa Bowles, Owner, Happy Hearts Daycare/CCPC
- Nathaniel Blank, Member, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Logan Stenseng, Policy Coordinator, Thrive Allen County/Zero to Thrive Project

Written only testimony:

- Sara Elsen, Executive Director, Child Care Aware of Eastern Kansas
- Tanya Bulluck, Executive Director, Child Start, Inc.
- Amy Gottschamer, Executive Director, Googols of Learning Child Development Center
- Paula Neth, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), The Family Conservancy
- Heather Schrotberger, Executive Director, Kansas Head Start Association
- Janelle Irwin, Owner, Janelle's Daycare
- David Jordan, President and CEO, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
- Paula George, Owner, Parkwood Day School Programs

4:00 p.m.

Adjourn