

<p><b>2024: USD 379 Child Care Survey</b></p>	<p><b>Documentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Docs, March Meeting, 11-G, PDF attachments</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132 responses or 80% of full time certified and classified staff in Clay Center and Wakefield</li> </ul> <p><b>Results of Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 82% responded "Yes" when asked if the district should continue investigating opportunities to secure child care slots reserved for USD 379 employees</li> <li>• 83% responded "Yes" when asked if reserved child care slots for USD 379 employees would contribute positively to future staff recruitment and retention</li> </ul>
<p><b>2024: Child Care Summit</b></p>	<p><b>Host</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow Clay County with KDHE, Food Program, Child Care Aware, and K-State</li> </ul> <p><b>Attendees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight existing providers</li> <li>• Two new potential providers</li> </ul> <p><b>Results of Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase access to childcare within Clay County.</li> <li>• Increase public knowledge of childcare issues</li> <li>• Encourage more Clay County citizens to open a childcare business of their own</li> </ul>
<p><b>2023: General Public Surveys</b></p>	<p><b>Host</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow Clay County</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Public</li> <li>• Child Care Providers</li> <li>• Business Owners</li> </ul> <p><b>Results of Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 58% of parents struggle with lack of child care due to their provider being closed.</li> <li>• 67% of parents are in need of drop-in or part-time care.</li> <li>• 23% of employers lost or could not retain employees due to lack of child care.</li> <li>• 50% of employers reported employee absences due to lack of child care.</li> </ul>

<p><b>2022: Community Planning Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Host</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USD 379</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Members</li> </ul> <p><b>Results of Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child care identified as a great need in our community, the school district should work with other community partners to find solutions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2021: Strategic Planning Session</b></p>	<p><b>Documentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Economic Recovery and Development Strategic Plan 2022-2024</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Host</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Economic Development Council, Grow Clay County</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Members</li> </ul> <p><b>Results of Note</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child care identified as barrier to growth and economic vitality. Grow Clay County also issued various surveys to the community, child care providers, and businesses which highlighted the struggle families have with finding child care and the issues companies face with employees who lack adequate child care.</li> </ul>