BFT 090 – An Introduction to Kentucky Resources for Early Care and Education Trainers

This handout will support you in using appropriate resources in future trainings to support early childhood programs’ and professionals’ needs.

## Regulatory Agencies

### u[Division of Child Care (DCC)](http://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/default.aspx)

The Division of Child Care (DCC) helps child care programs. They support plans that help grow and improve child care services and resources in Kentucky.

**For more information:**

http://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/default.aspx.

275 E. Main Street, 3C-F

Frankfort, Kentucky 40621

Phone: (502) 564-2524

Email: [dccpdstaff@ky.gov](mailto:dccpdstaff@ky.gov)

**Professional Development**

[Professional Development](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/professionaldevelopment.aspx)

**Kentucky All STARS**

[Family Information](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/kyallstars.aspx)

[Provider Information](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/kyallstarsproviders.aspx)

**Child Care Assistance**

[Family Information](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/ccap.aspx)

[Provider Information](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/kyallstarsproviders.aspx)

### u[Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC)](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/drcc/Pages/default.aspx)

The Division of Regulated Child Care is responsible for licensing and investigating complaints against child care programs, certified family child care homes, residential child caring facilities and child placing agencies.

**For more information:**

https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/drcc/Pages/default.aspx.

275 E. Main St., 5E-F

Frankfort, KY

Phone: (502) 564-7962

Fax: (502) 564-9350

[Child Care Provider Search](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/child-care-program?language=en_US)

[DRCC Branch Map](https://www.hdilearning.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DRCCBranchMap.docx)

## Early Childhood Community Partners

### u[Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)](https://education.ky.gov/federal/SCN/Pages/CACFPHomepage.aspx)

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) partners with child care centers, adult daycares, Head Starts, family child care homes, emergency shelters and at risk programs to provide healthy meals for over 70,000 Kentuckians. The CACFP contributes to wellness, healthy growth, and development of young children by providing monetary reimbursements to institutions serving healthy meals.

**For more information:**

https://education.ky.gov/federal/SCN/Pages/CACFPHomepage.aspx

Kentucky Department of Education   
Division of School and Community Nutrition   
300 Sower Blvd., 5th Floor

Frankfort, KY 40601-4311

Phone: (502) 564-5625

### uChild Care Assistance Program

The Child Care Assistance Program provides support to help families pay for child care. The Division of Child Care is responsible for all child care provider support. The Division of Family Support helps clients apply for the program.

**For more information:**

Child Care Assistance Program

275 E. Main St. 3C-F

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-2524

[Family Information](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/ccap.aspx)

[Provider Information](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/provassist.aspx)

### u[Child Care Aware of Kentucky (CCA)](https://childcareawareky.org/)

Child Care Aware of Kentucky is the statewide regional network for Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) services supporting access to safe, affordable, quality child care for families and professional development for child care providers and trainers. They offer assistance and support designed for professionals working in early care and education including child care providers and trainers. Four coaching types offer free, personalized Technical Assistance in the areas of: Quality, Health and Safety, Professional Development and Training.

**For more information:**

https://childcareawareky.org/

Child Care Aware of Kentucky/ Human Development Institute

University of Kentucky  
126 Mineral Industries Building   
Lexington, KY 40506

Phone: (800) 956-8950

[Find Your Child Care Aware Coach](https://www.childcareawareky.org/about-child-care-aware/coaches/)

### u[Cooperative Extension Agents](https://extension.ca.uky.edu/)

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families resulting in building strong families for Kentucky

**For more information:**

https://extension.ca.uky.edu/

[Find Your Office](http://extension.ca.uky.edu/county)[Initiatives](http://fcs-hes.ca.uky.edu/content/initiatives)

### u[Family Child Care Network](https://www.fccnky.com/)

The Family Child Care Network of Kentucky is comprised of an experienced and devoted group of Family Child Care Specialists who have been selected to visit and work with providers in their home (place of business).  The Specialists support the provider and offer one-on-one technical assistance. The support offered varies from home to home and it is all individualized for each provider.

**For more information:**

https://www.fccnky.com/

Family Child Care Network of KY

1906 College Heights Blvd. #11031

Bowling Green, KY 42101-1031

1 (800) 621-5908 or (270) 745-2216

### u[Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC)](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dfrcvs/dfrysc/Pages/default.aspx)

The Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers provides administrative support, technical assistance and training to local school based FRYSC. The primary goal of these centers is to remove non-academic barriers to learning as a means to enhance student success. Kentucky's Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSCs) enhance students' ability to succeed in school by developing and sustaining partnerships that promote:

* Early learning and successful transition into school
* Academic achievement and well-being
* Graduation and transition into adult life

**For more information:**

https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dfrcvs/dfrysc/Pages/default.aspx

Division of FRYSC

275 E. Main Street, 3C-G

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-4986

### u[Governor’s Office of Early Childhood](https://kyecac.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx)

The future strength of the Commonwealth depends upon the healthy development of our youngest citizens. The Governor's Office of Early Childhood (GOEC) builds upon existing resources, fosters public-private partnerships, ensures collaborative planning and implementation, and mobilizes communities.

[Family Guides](https://kyecac.ky.gov/families/Family-Guides/Pages/default.aspx) [Early Childhood Standards](https://kyecac.ky.gov/professionals/Early-Childhood-Standards/Getting-Started/Pages/Start-Here.aspx)

**For more information:**

https://kyecac.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx

Governor’s Office of Early Childhood 500 Mero Street, Fifth Floor

Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: (502) 782-0200

### u[Head Start and Early Head Start](file:///C:/Users/cau222/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/11YNY60P/Head%20Start%20and%20Early%20Head%20Start)

Head Start programs support children's growth from birth to age 5 through services centered around early learning and development, health, and family well-being. Head Start staff actively engage parents, recognizing family participation throughout the program as key to strong child outcomes.

Head Start services are available at no cost to children ages birth to 5 in eligible families. Head Start preschool services work with children ages 3 to 5 and their families. Early Head Start services work with families that have children ages birth to 3, and many also serve expectant families. Many programs operate both Head Start preschool and Early Head Start services. Programs deliver child development services in center-based, home-based, or family child care settings. All Head Start programs continually work toward our mission for eligible children and families to receive high-quality services in safe and healthy settings that prepare children for school and life.

**For more information:**

Head Start Collaboration

Office Governor's Office of Early Childhood 500 Mero Street, Fifth Floor

Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: (502) 782-0200

[Head Start Center Locator](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator) | ECLKC

### u[Help Me Grow Kentucky](http://www.helpmegrowky.com/)

Help Me Grow Kentucky is a **free** and **confidential** call center for families, health providers, and community service providers offering The Ages and Stages Questionnaires for developmental screening and connection to local services and learning activities that support healthy growth for children, ages 0-5.

If a family has questions about their child’s development, behavior or learning, the Help Me Grow Kentucky Support Specialist will help them find the answers.  The more they know about their child’s growth and learning today, the more they can support their child’s future success.

Please go to “[take the screening](http://www.helpmegrowky.com/take-the-screening/)” to begin.

**For more information:**

http://www.helpmegrowky.com/

Help Me Grow KY

KY Division of Child Care

275 East Main Street, 3C-F

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502)564-6040

### u[Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS)](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/firststeps.aspx)

Kentucky Early Intervention System (KEIS), formerly known as First Steps, is a statewide early intervention system that provides service to children with developmental disabilities from birth to age 3 and their families.

KEIS is Kentucky's response to the federal Infant-Toddler Program. First Steps offers comprehensive services through a variety of community agencies and service disciplines and is administered by the Department for Public Health in the Cabinet for health and Family Services.

**For more information:**

https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/firststeps.aspx

Kentucky Early Intervention System

Department for Public Health

275 East Main St. HS2W-C

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-3756

Toll Free: (877) 417-8377

Email: [chfs.firststeps@ky.gov](mailto:chfs.firststeps@ky.gov)

[Make a Referral](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/fs/PointOfEntryListing.pdf) to your local Point of Entry [Office](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/fs/POElistingforWebsite.pdf) (POE)

### u[Kentucky Strengthening Families](https://www.kentuckycchc.org/kentucky-strengthening-families)

The Kentucky Strengthening Families (KYSF) Initiative represents a multi-disciplinary partnership of over 20 national, state and local organizations in the public and private sectors dedicated to embedding six research-based Protective Factors into services and supports for children and their families. Supporting families is a key strategy for promoting school readiness and preventing child abuse and neglect. All families experience times of stress and research demonstrates that children grow and learn best in families who have the supports and skills to deal with those times. By supporting families and building their skills to cope with stressors, we can increase school readiness and reduce the likelihood abuse will occur in families.

**For more information:**

https://www.kentuckycchc.org/kentucky-strengthening-families

Kentucky Strengthening Families

275 East Main Street, HS2-EE

Frankfort, KY 40621

Kristen Martin: (502) 401-9954

Emily Keely (502) 564-7675

### u[Kynect](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US)

Kynect allows Kentucky’s families to easily access public assistance benefits and information 24/7. The goal of Kentucky’s public assistance programs is to build strong families and obtain services such as food, cash and medical assistance to become self-sufficient.

**For more information:**

https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/

Kybenefits (DCBS) 1-855-306-8959

kynect health coverage 1-855-459-6328

TTY 1-855-326-4654

[DCBS Division of Family Support](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dfs/Pages/default.aspx)

### u[Regional Collaborative](https://kyecac.ky.gov/community/Pages/Regional-Collaboratives.aspx)

A Regional Collaborative (formally referred to as Community Early Childhood Council (CECC)) addresses the unique needs and strengths of local communities related to early childhood.

The purpose of forming Regional Collaboratives is to involve members who represent a cross-section of the community and who can foster efforts to improve outcomes for young children and families.

**For more information:**

https://kyecac.ky.gov/community/Pages/Regional-Collaboratives.aspx

Regional Collaborative

Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood   
500 Mero Street., 5th Floor

Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: (502) 782-0200

### u[Regional Training Center (RTC)](https://www.education.ky.gov/specialed/Pages/techassist.aspx)

The Early Childhood Regional Training Centers provide a range of services for the early childhood community including regional trainings/workshops, on-site consultations, a lending library of materials, and annual statewide and regional collaborative institutes.

**For more information:**

https://www.education.ky.gov/specialed/Pages/techassist.aspx

Regional Training Centers

Office of Special Education and Early Learning

Preschool Unit

300 Sower Blvd. 4th Floor

(502) 564-4970

[Anderson County RTC](https://www.anderson.k12.ky.us/earlychildhoodrtc_home.aspx)

[Ashland RTC](https://sites.google.com/ashland.kyschools.us/ashlandrtc/home)

[Berea RTC](https://www.bereartc.org/)

[Calloway County RTC](https://callowayrtc.wixsite.com/calloway-rtc)

[Simpson County RTC](https://www.simpson.k12.ky.us/o/simpson-county-schools/page/early-childhood-rtc)

[RTC Statewide Map](https://www.education.ky.gov/specialed/Pages/techassist.aspx)

## Professional Development

### u[Early Care and Education – Training Records Information System (ECE-TRIS)](https://tris.eku.edu/ece/)

ECE-TRIS (Early Care and Education Training Records Information System) is an Early Care and Education database created to store and maintain individual training records for Early Care and Education professionals in Kentucky. ECE-TRIS creates an easily accessible, centralized location for training records.

**For more information:**

https://tris.eku.edu/ece/

ECE-TRIS

Phone: (859) 622-8811

Toll Free: (877) 312-8747

Fax: (859) 622-6838

E-mail: [ecetris@eku.edu](mailto:ecetris@eku.edu)

### uEarly Childhood Professional Development Scholarships

These scholarships are designed to enhance the professional development of the early childhood educators by providing funding to pursue degrees and credentials in college and non-college settings. Administered by the Division of Childcare (DCC) and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), these scholarships help early childhood professional in Kentucky improve their skills, knowledge and qualifications, ultimately contributing to enhanced quality child care services across the state.

**For more information:**

Division of Child Care – Professional Development

275 East Main Street 3C-F

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-2524

E-mail: [dccpdstaff@ky.gov](mailto:dccpdstaff@ky.gov)

[Find Your Professional Development Coach](https://www.childcareawareky.org/about-child-care-aware/coaches/) [Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA)](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kheaa.com%2Fweb%2Fscholarships-grants.faces&data=05%7C02%7Cchristine.hausman%40uky.edu%7Cb03410bbef7444c18d5708dce878b460%7C2b30530b69b64457b818481cb53d42ae%7C0%7C0%7C638640852316652947%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EDlXYtBBSE9FN9YM5QJ2kKsHVdKiQCbnyD07l52PDOs%3D&reserved=0)

### u [Professional Organizations:](https://www.cdacouncil.org/) Council for Professional Recognition

The Council for Professional Recognition envisions a society where all children learn and thrive in environments led by competent, valued early childhood educators.  They advance career pathways for early childhood educators through high-quality, competency-based credentialing.  The Council for Professional Recognition has pivoted to respond to evolving best practices in early childhood education, technological advances, and the growing diversity of individuals pursuing ECE as a career for the betterment of our profession, our educators, and our children. **For more information:**

**For more information:**

Council for Professional Recognition

1441 L Street, NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: 1 (800) 424-4310

### u[Professional Organizations: Kentucky Association of Early Childhood Educators (KAECE)](https://www.mykaece.org/blank)

The Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education (KAECE) serves and supports early care and education professionals on behalf of young children and their families. KAECE membership is open to all who are interested in the field of early childhood including students and professionals who work with and care for young children, parents and those who provide education and resources for these individuals.

**For more information:**

KAECE

1500 Bypass North, US 127

Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Phone: (859) 246-6616

E-mail: [business@kaece.org](mailto:business@kaece.org)

### u [Professional Organizations:](https://kyoutofschoolalliance.org/) Kentucky Out-of-School Alliance (KYOSA)

Kentucky Out-of-School Alliance (KYOSA) supports the continued growth, development, and accessibility of quality out-of-school programs to promote the success of children and youth.

Their vision is that all children and youth in Kentucky will have access to high-quality out-of-school time programs that prepare them for success in school, work, and life.

**For more information:**

Phone: (859) 410-8445  
E-mail: [kyosa@savechildren.org](mailto:kyosa@savechildren.org)

### u [Professional Organizations:](https://www.naeyc.org/) National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a professional membership organization that promotes high-quality early learning for all young children, birth through age 8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. NAEYC works to advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children. They work to achieve a collective vision: that all young children thrive and learn in a society dedicated to ensuring they reach their full potential.

**For more information:**

1401 H Street NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: (202) 232-8777  
Toll Free: 1 (800) 424-2460

### u [Professional Organizations:](https://www.zerotothree.org/) Zero to Three

Zero to Three is a membership-based organization.  They provide a vibrant, connected community for professionals in diverse disciplines focused on child development.  Zero to Three strives to ensure that all babies and toddlers have a strong start in life. At Zero to Three, they envision a society with the knowledge and will to support all infants and toddlers in reaching their full potential.

**For more information:**

1401 H Street NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: (202) 232-8777  
Toll Free: 1 (800) 424-2460

## Health and Well Being

### u[Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC)](http://www.kentuckycchc.org/)

Child Care Health Consultation provides consultation and technical assistance on health, safety, nutrition, and social-emotional development for ages 0-5 to child care providers and parents/guardians. Child Care Health Consultants work in their local communities to promote quality child care.

**For more information:**

http://www.kentuckycchc.org/

Phone: 1(877)-281-5277

### u[Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist (ECMH)](https://dbhdid.ky.gov/mh/ecmh#Early%20Childhood%20Mental%20Health%20Specialist)

Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists are in each of the 14 Community Mental Health Centers. The Specialists' time is devoted solely to their regional ECMHPs and building regional capacity to better meet the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of children from birth through age 5 and their families.

The ECMH Specialists’ role is aimed at improving the behavioral health of children birth through age five, and their families in order to achieve improved social, emotional, and functional outcomes.

**For more information:**

Early Childhood Mental Health Program (ECMHP)

275 East Main St. 4WG

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-3756

[Regional ECMH](https://dbhdid.ky.gov/mh/ecmh#Early%20Childhood%20Mental%20Health%20Specialist)

### u [HANDS](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/hands.aspx)

Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) program is a voluntary home visitation program for any new or expectant parents. HANDS supports families as they build health, safe environments for the optimal growth and development of children.

Any parent expecting a new baby and residing in Kentucky is eligible. Families just be enrolled during pregnancy or before a child is 90 days old.

**For more information:**

https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/hands.aspx.

HANDS Program

275 East Main St.

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-3756

### u[Kentucky Children’s Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)](https://kidshealth.ky.gov/pages/index.aspx)

Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) is free health insurance for families without health insurance with an annual household gross income at or less than 218 percent of the federal poverty level for the following qualifications:

* children younger than 19 without health insurance
* currently pregnant women
* women within 1 year postpartum

**For more information:**

https://kidshealth.ky.gov/pages/index.aspx.

KCHIP

Toll Free: (877) 524-4718

TTY/TDD: (877) 524-4719

Hispanic Interpreter: (800) 662-5397

E-mail: [chfs.kchip@ky.gov](mailto:chfs.kchip@ky.gov)

### u[Oral Health Program](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Pages/oralhealth.aspx)

The Kentucky Oral Health Program (KOHP) proudly provides a variety of programs and services for the achievement of optimal oral health for a lifetime of smiles. These programs and services include fluoride supplementation, fluoride varnishes, public health dental hygiene services and water fluoridation.

**For more information:**

https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Pages/oralhealth.aspx.

Oral Health Program

275 E. Main St. HS1WD

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-3604

### [uOffice for Children with Special Health Care Needs](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/ccshcn/Pages/default.aspx)

Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for Kentucky's children with special health care needs through quality service, leadership, advocacy, education, and collaboration.

**For more information:**

https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/ccshcn/Pages/default.aspx

Office of Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN)

310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 200

Louisville, KY 40222

Phone: (502) 429-4430

Toll Free: (800) 232-1160

Email: [ocshcnwebpage@ky.gov](mailto:ocshcnwebpage@ky.gov)

[Regional OCSHCN Office](https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/ocshcn/Pages/about.aspx)

### u[Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky](https://pcaky.org/)

The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCAKY) is to prevent the abuse and neglect of Kentucky's children through advocacy, awareness, education, and training. They host the Kids Are Worth It Conference, Kentucky’s premiere education event designed to meet the continuing education, networking and programmatic needs of diverse professionals who contribute professionally or personally to the safety, well-being and permanency of Kentucky’s children.

**For more information:**

https://pcaky.org/

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky

2265 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 200

Lexington, KY 40504

Phone: (859) 225-8879

E-mail: [pcaky@pcaky.org](mailto:pcaky@pcaky.org)

### u[Regional Poison Control Center](https://kypoisoncontrol.com/)

The Kentucky Poison Control Center serves all 120 counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Their specially trained staff of nurses, physicians and pharmacists are available 24 hours a day 365 days a year to answer questions and respond to emergencies involving possible poisons. Their website has Poison prevention tips and resources.

Sign up for What’s Your Poison e-newsletter: <https://kypoisoncontrol.com/whats-your-poison-sign-up/>

**For more information:**

https://kypoisoncontrol.com/.

Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center Norton Children's Hospital

231 E. Chestnut Street Louisville, KY 40202

Administrative Contact (non poison emergencies):

(502) 629-7264

Toll Free: (800) 222-1222

### [uWoman Infants and Children (WIC)](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/nsb/Pages/wic.aspx)

WIC is a nutrition education program that provides nutritional counseling, breastfeeding support, education, nutritious foods, and referrals to health care services. WIC improves the health of pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5.

**For more information:**

https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/nsb/Pages/wic.aspx.

WIC 275 E. Main St. HS2-EE

Frankfort, KY 40621

Phone: (502) 564-3827

Toll Free: (800) 462-6122

## Additional Supports for Credentialed Trainers

### uTraining Coach

Your Child Care Aware Regional Training Coach is your go-to person to help with many of the needs you may have as a credentialed trainer. They are not only available throughout Fundamentals of Effective Training and the credentialing process, but will continually provide technical assistance as you become a seasoned trainer and thereafter.

**For more information:**

[Find Your Training Coach](https://www.childcareawareky.org/about-child-care-aware/coaches/)

**Questions about any of the resources in this course?**

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