

# Cowley County Childcare Gap

Examining Childcare: Access, Affordability and Quality

## 21-30

are in need of a childcare slot for every ONE slot available. This means that Cowey County is meeting only 36% of community demand for childcare

### CHILDREN AGES

#### 0-3



### DECREASE IN FAMILY CHILDCARE HOMES



## 17%

In-home childcare is the most available form of care in Cowley County, but numbers are decreasing rapidly, a decline 17% since 2018 and 35% in the past eight years.

## 22%

Cowley County ranks in the highest percentage bracket as compared to other Kansas counties for children ages 0-17 living in poverty

### CHILDREN IN POVERTY



### COST OF CARE PER MONTH PER CHILD



## \$436-\$640

A county resident will spend on average \$500 per month on childcare, for each child (more for younger children). This amounts to ~13-20% of the county per capita income

### START TO CHANGE A KID'S WORLD

Help bridge the gap! Contact [lindsay.wilke@usd470.com](mailto:lindsay.wilke@usd470.com) about ways to support childcare expansion in the county or to schedule a presentation for your group.

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