



**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
*April 7, 2015*

**Partner Group:** *Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of Missouri*

**Liaison to the Board:** *Carol Scott*

**Date of last meetings:** *January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Board—January 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**Date of next meetings:** *Network Council—April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Board—April 10<sup>th</sup>.*

**Action Items In-progress/Pending:**

- All mid-MO staff are now working from our new office in the United Way building on Ash in Columbia.
- In March, we launched the *Show Me Child Care Resources* web portal, offering purchasing discounts and templates/tools for child care, early education, and after school programs. Weekly informational webinars.
- Other continuing services:
  - Sesame Workshop/Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of America-funded, short-term project to engage families' use of Sesame Street-branded materials about supporting children after trauma. Implementation is in the Springfield area.
  - Margaret A. Cargill Foundation/Save the Children-funded program through June 2016, to train early care and education personnel about, and expand system-level capacity for, supporting young children after a disaster.
  - CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT: Ferguson-area implementation of our Emotional Foundations for Early Childhood-Plus (EFFEC+) program, which has also been presented to CBEC as an evidence-based program. Emerson Electric has committed funds and we are still seeking other funders at the time of writing this report with strong interest from two other corporations.
  - CONTINUING: Year 2 of *Taking Steps to Healthy Success* obesity prevention program., Related DEVELOPMENT: Seeking support for a significant advocacy effort to align licensing rules related to nutrition and physical activity with national best practice recommendations (private sector proposal pending), partnering with the Missouri Council on Activity and Nutrition (MOCAN).

**Celebrations:**

- Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of America Missouri is one of 10 finalists in the YouthBridge/Skandalaris Social Enterprise and Innovation Competition, for its *Virtual Child Care Business Center* concept. Three or four winners, from the 55 submitted concepts, will be announced April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Director of Wellness Initiatives Megan Klenke and her husband Nathan Isgriggs welcomed a new son, Lincoln Henry Isgriggs, at 3:15 AM on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements:**

- The Child Care Aware<sup>®</sup> of America board will meet next on May 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in Arlington, VA.

**Requests of CBEC Members:**

- Please share ideas for ways to reach staff in licensed early care and education programs through communications channels within your organization/department, to promote T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI scholarship and retention program. Thank you!

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