



Activated Child Care Challenge 2024
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Welcome Packet & Agreement

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About

The Activated Child Care Challenge works with child care providers in order to make their environments healthier by adopting guidelines that promote health and wellness. This challenge is powered by a collaboration between Mercy Health, Paramount Advantage and Activate Allen County.

The challenge begins in the discovery phase. The discovery phase includes assessments. Once your score is tallied, you may receive technical assistance from AAC staff to create an action plan on the applicable areas to increase your score. Sustainable improvement is a required component of funded action plans. Approved projects will be funded up to \$500.

For more information or technical assistance about Activate Allen County or the Activated Child Care Challenge call Josh Unterbrink at 419-222-6045 or 419-303-3387 or email junterbrink@activateallencounty.com.

Discovery Phase: Scorecard

Discovery Phase (Now – August 31, 2024)

Each Faith based organization will complete the Activated Child Care Challenge Assessment. Developed scorecards will help us determine which areas need the most improvement. Josh will furnish this self-assessment scorecard for child centers that are applying. We also ask that you complete the contact form on the next page.

Planning Phase: Action Plan

Planning Phase (September 1 - September , 30 2024)

Activate Allen County will provide education sessions on evidence based strategies, activities and policies and also assist with developing an action plan and itemized budget that is feasible for each child care provider.

Action Plans are due October 20, 2024

See Action Plan Section for sample action plan & budget.

Implementation Phase

Implementation Phase (November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025)

Approved action plans will receive funding for plan implementation. Follow-up assessments will be distributed to determine progress on goals.

Contact Information

Name of the facility/business: _____

Contact person's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of children enrolled in the facility: _____

Age range of children served: _____

Action Plan (Sample)

Goal: *Increase the amount of healthy snacks available to children.*

| Actions | Steps | By Whom and When |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Complete a healthy foods assessment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Take photos of current offerings b. Create an assessment survey c. Complete the assessment survey | Suzanne J. 6/8/2021 Taylor H. 6/15/2021 Brad L. 6/21/2021 |
| 2. Complete survey of church members. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create member interest survey b. Survey parents about healthy snacks during child care. | Taylor H. 7/3/2021 Suzanne J., Brad L., Taylor H. 7/28/2021 |
| 3. Create a list of suggested changes and a plan to complete those changes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Compile all responses from customer interest survey b. Research ideas on suggested changes for food served. c. Create a list of suggested changes d. Create a plan on how to complete these changes | Taylor H. 8/4/2021 Brad L. 8/18/2021 Suzanne J., Brad L., Taylor H. 8/9/2021 Suzanne J., Brad L., Taylor H. 8/9/2021 |
| 4. Share your list of suggested changes with parents. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Compile assessment results b. Share results of your assessment. Share suggested changes and plan to complete changes, asking for feedback and support. | Suzanne J. 9/18/2021 Suzanne J., Brad L., Taylor H. 9/14/2021 Suzanne J., Brad L., Taylor H. 9/14/2021 |
| 5. Implement the changes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin offering healthy snacks as an option each time snacks are served. | All - 10/1/2021 |

Itemized Budget (Sample)

Goal: *Increase the amount of physical activity opportunities for youth in the child care program via a Gaga Ball Pit.*

| Item | Date Ordered | Price |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Gaga Ball Pit | 10/1/19 | \$1,800 |
| Gaga balls | 10/1/19 | \$20/ball - 4 balls - \$80 |
| | | Total \$1,880 |

The \$500 funding from the Activated Child Care Challenge will be leveraged against Additional School Funds to be able to purchase all of the needed equipment for the needed \$1,880.

Action Plan (Blank)

Goal:

| Actions | Steps | By Whom and When |
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Project Budget Total: _____

Itemized Budget (Blank)

Goal:

| Item | Date Ordered | Price |
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AGREEMENT

By signing below _____ (name of Child Care Provider) will actively participate with Activate Allen County in the discovery phase, action planning phase and implementation phase of the Activated Child Care Challenge.

_____ (name of the Child Care Provider) will include members in planning efforts and also share photos of your Activated Child Care Challenge improvements in effect. Sustainable improvement is a required component of the funded action plan.

This agreement will be effective ___/___/2022

Date

Participating Site Authorized Representative, Title

Date

Josh Unterbrink, Activate Allen County, Co-Director