

## Education Child Care Provider Focus Group Meeting Notes

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Ellis: Patti Park and John Befort

USD 489: Shanna Dinkel

- Discussed that accessing enough subs has been easier this year than compared to past two years.
- Tiger Tots is currently full and has a waiting list from 1 – 1.5 years out
- Sick day child care was discussed where parents can take sick children for child care to a hospital care facility. LaFayette, Indiana does this.
- The CDA track for HHS will likely not be ready until 2024
- Ellis currently has 60-70 children in their after school care program. Care is offered after school until 6 p.m.
- USD 489 is still thin on staff for their after school program
- We discussed schools being a location for providers to give care if extra classrooms are available.
- Awareness Campaign
  - Target retired teachers be a resource for providing care or being foster grandparents?
  - Target young mothers who aren't currently working because they cannot provide care
  - Target businesses to provide resources and support for providers
  - Sponsors for quarterly child care provider events
  - Child care business resources