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Welcome to the KDP Weekly Rundown – the Kansas Democratic Party’s update of the biggest things going on in the state party and the state capital. What are we focused on this week? Transgender rights, Demofest, and more!

KANSAS ALLOWS BIRTH CERTIFICATE MODIFICATIONS

• What's happening?

Kansans will now be permitted to change their birth certificates to reflect their gender identity under a legal settlement between LGBT advocates and the state Department for Health and Environment. A lawsuit filed last October alleged that state policy against changing gender on birth certificates violated the equal protection and due process clauses of the U.S. Constitution. “It was time for Kansas to move past its outdated and discriminatory anti-transgender policy,” Gov. Laura Kelly said in a [statement](#). “This decision acknowledges that transgender people have the same rights as anyone else, including the right to easily obtain a birth certificate that reflects who they are.”

• Where can I learn more?

- [Kansas to allow transgender people to change their gender on birth certificates](#). *Wichita Eagle*, June 24, 2019.
- [Transgender Kansans can now get birth certificates that match their identity](#). *KCUR*, June 24, 2019.
- [Kansas settles lawsuit to allow birth certificate changes for transgender people](#). *Topeka CapitalJournal*, June 24, 2019.

DCF EXTENDING DAY CARE SUPPORT

• What's happening?

The Kansas Department for Children and Families announced changes to the requirements for child care assistance. The minimum number of hours parents have to work each week to be eligible for child care assistance will be reduced from 28 to 20 hours. DCF will also broaden the program to include participants in the GOALS employment and training program and devote Child Care Development Funds to pay for the cost of day care for children in the state’s foster care system. These changes are expected to benefit 3,000 Kansas children.

• Where can I learn more?

- [Kansas extending day care support to 3,000 children in low-income families](#). *Topeka Capital Journal*, June 27, 2019.
- [Kansas planning changes in child care assistance rules](#). *Associated Press*, June 28, 2019.

VICTORY 2020 RECEPTION

• What's happening?

The Kansas Democratic Party will host a Victory 2020 reception with Rep. Sharice Davids on July 22. The event will be held in Overland Park and will be at 6 p.m. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

DEMOFEST

- *What's happening?*

Join us in Wichita on Aug. 9 - 10 for Demofest, our annual summer convention! [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Onward,
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