

FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS

WHAT IS FAMILY (OR HOME-BASED) CHILD CARE?

- A small business operated in the business owners' home as a Group Child Care Home licensed for up to 14 children or a Family Child Care Home licensed for up to 7 children.
- License-exempt providers (LEP) are enrolled by MDE to care for child care subsidy-eligible children and are another form of home-based child care, supporting up to 6 children in their home (related providers) or the child's home (unrelated providers).

WHAT ARE FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS (FCCNS)?

FCCNs are organizations that connect, stabilize, and support home-based child care businesses by addressing their common challenges and offering:

1. **Tangible business and financial support** that promotes solutions and sustainability.
2. **Tools and training** to increase capacity and enhance quality practices.
3. **Business owner connections** to share effective practices and promote wellbeing.

HOME-BASED CHILD CARE MEETS FAMILY NEEDS AND PREFERENCES BY:



Offering **greater flexibility**, such as non-traditional hours beyond 9-5.



Providing a **smaller, more personal atmosphere** with **individualized support and continuity of care**, since children can remain with the same caregiver.



Offering **culturally informed and responsive care**, since providers are more likely to share **common language, culture, race, or ethnicity**.



BENEFITS FOR MI FAMILIES

- **More child care options and availability** to meet needs and preferences.
- **Increased access** to child care, since home-based care is often less costly than centers and is the only type of child care that exists in some rural communities.



BENEFITS FOR MI COMMUNITIES

- **Increased economic growth and development** due to new and sustained child care businesses.
- **Stronger local economies** due to continuity and growth of small businesses.



BENEFITS FOR MI EMPLOYERS & SMALL BUSINESSES

- Helps businesses **retain staff** that are also parents by supporting and increasing the child care available to them.
- Increases child care availability for parents who work non-traditional hours.



Home-based child care businesses are an essential component of quality child care infrastructure in Michigan. Family Child Care Networks are critical in sustaining these small businesses.

MICHIGAN'S PILOT GRANT FOR FCCNS NETWORKS' GOALS INCLUDE:

- Connecting and supporting home-based child care businesses in the delivery of essential services to improve program quality and strengthen home-based child care businesses.
- Improving the policy, economic, and regulatory environments for home-based child care businesses in Michigan.

NETWORKS SUPPORT DIVERSE HOME-BASED CHILD CARE BUSINESSES



LEP

Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genessee, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon



ARABIC-SPEAKING

Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne



REFUGEE-SERVING & SPANISH-SPEAKING

Kent, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne

500+

Child care businesses estimated to be served by networks by grant period-end

343

Child care businesses currently served by networks

2,389

children estimated to benefit through service to child care business owners by grant period-end

1,636

children already impacted

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