

Early Childhood Education Task Force

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EC LEARN is a local Child Care Resource and Referral network **providing** comprehensive services that train child care professionals, educate families about early childhood development, and partner with advocates so children and families have access to the quality, affordable child care they deserve.

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Objectives

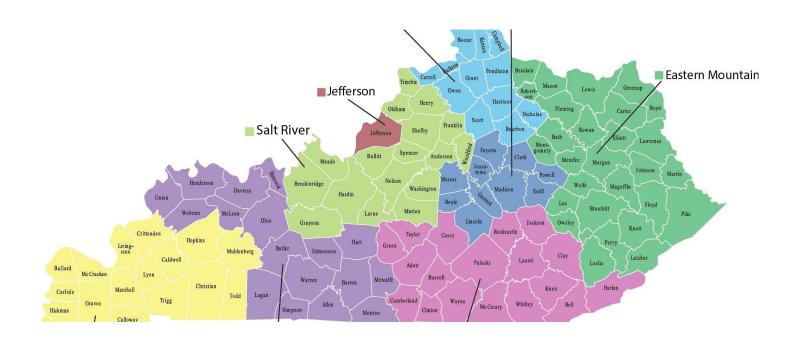
- Introduce the Family Child Care Network of Kentucky
- 2. Discuss the importance of in-home Family Child Care to Kentucky's economy and the business community
- 3. Family Child Care Testimony
- 4. Policy Recommendations

What is Family Child Care Network of Kentucky?

Family Child Care Network of Kentucky (FCCN-KY) is a state funded non-profit organization that recruits, supports, and trains family child care providers in KY.







FCCN of KY Area Map

What Is a Registered Home?



Care is provided in the owner's home.

Provider cares for up to 3 children receiving CCAP per day,

6 children receiving CCAP per day, if those children are:

- part of a sibling group; and
- Related to the provider; **or**

A total of eight 8 children inclusive of the provider's own children.



What Is a Certified Home?

Care is provided in the owner's home.

Provider cares for up to 6 unrelated children.

In addition to the 6 unrelated children, a provider may care for 4 additional children who are related to the provider. (Maximum of 10 children at any one time.)

What Is a Type II Home?



Care is provided in the owner's home.

Provider can care for 7
to 12 children
(including related
children) in the
provider's home.

Provider must meet director qualifications for a Type II Center



Benefits

Mixed Age Groups and Sibling Care



Benefits

- Lower Ratios
- Home Environment
- Nontraditional Hours
- Lifetime Relationships

Michelle Tillman-Owner, The Best Part Family Child Care, LLC-

Certified Family Child Care Provider Testimony



"I have been working in ECE in the Kenton County area for 20 years. I embarked on this new career path due to the fact I was expecting twins back in 2000. I was also very uncomfortable with the current child care situation I was experiencing with my older children. I decided to change the narrative and be a stay-at-home Mom. To see these improvements come to fruition, I had to become the change that was needed in the child care industry. I'm very proud of myself for being the change I knew was needed. The support and training I receive from our amazing Family Child Care Network and partnering agencies are priceless. I couldn't see myself doing anything else that brings this much joy & satisfaction into my life on a daily basis."

Francis Allison Owner, Jodie's House

Nicole Williams-Owner/Director Bundle of Love Family Child Care-

Certified Family Child Care Testimony



"I started my career as an In-home Childcare Provider when I decided this would be a good career path for me as I wanted to be home with my own children who needed additional educational instruction. Naturally, all things come with their own challenges and struggles, but I have some supportive people who cheered me on to persevere in this field.

One of my favorite parts about my job is seeing the best in the children that come to my home. I feel proud to be a part of their learning experiences. I love the continuous bond we have, even after they leave my care. I want to leave and imprint of self-aspiration and attainment to each child that comes to my home.

I want children to value positive relationships, which also increases their self-worth and overall health. I also want to make sure that I dispel some of the negative stereotypes many people have about In-Home Childcare Providers. My program is competitive to centers, but in a smaller setting. I am a testimony of the importance of the role of a home childcare provider makes in our community."



Policy Recommendation

- Ensure the Success of House Bill 499
- Stabilize the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Study Local Zoning Ordinances
- Ensure the Success of the Business Partnerships Grants





Questions?

Thank You