

Family Child Care in Rural Kentucky

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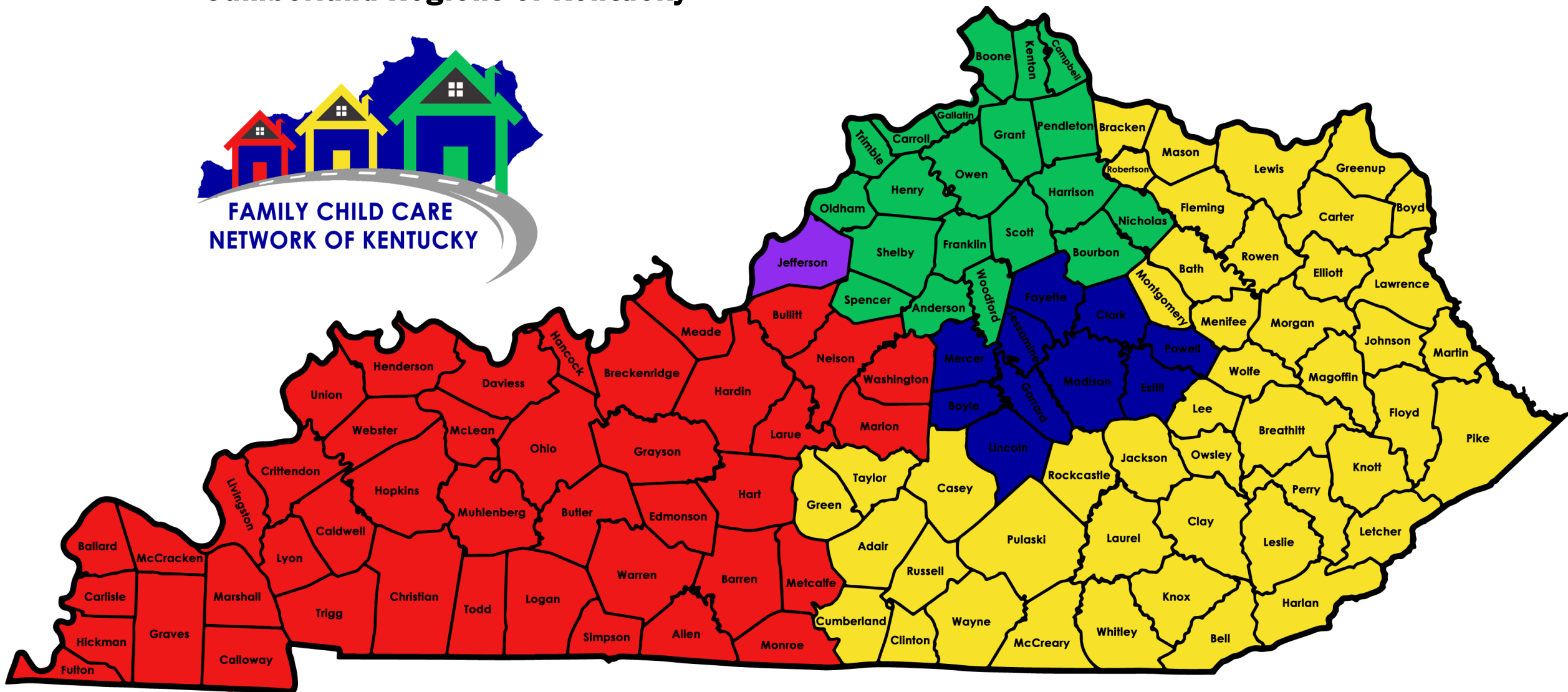
Mission:

AECN works to build an environment that supports quality, affordable early care and education for families in Appalachia.

Vision:

Families in Appalachia have access to quality, affordable early care and education that leads to all children reaching their fullest potential.

AECN Serves the Eastern Mountain and Cumberland Regions of Kentucky





Why Family Child Care Homes?

Child/Caregiver Ratio

Low Child Turnover

Convenience

Atmosphere

Non-Traditional Hours

New Businesses for the Community

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Marsha is the best. Both my children loved her. They learned so much under her, as well as being well cared for and loved.

Marsha Bradley

Morehead, KY

Certified Family Child Care Home Provider since
2005



Teresa Russell

Manchester, KY

Certified Family Child Care Home Provider since
2020



Katie Doaner

Somerset, KY

Certified Family Child Care Home Provider since
2022





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All daycares are booked in Hazard, just my luck...I swear I can't win for losing.



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I've been trying for 2 years to get mine in.

Barriers



Economic Barriers

- CCAP reimbursement rates
- Lack of capital to open businesses in rural counties

Geographical Barriers

- Center based care is often in larger cities
- Lack of public transportation in rural areas
- Mileage to and from childcare is a hardship for many families in our region

Workforce Barriers

- Staff shortages
- Compensation for childcare providers versus education required
- Lack of business training

Thank You

Questions/Comments



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