



Stabilizing & Growing Family Child Care Homes Across the Commonwealth

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Objectives

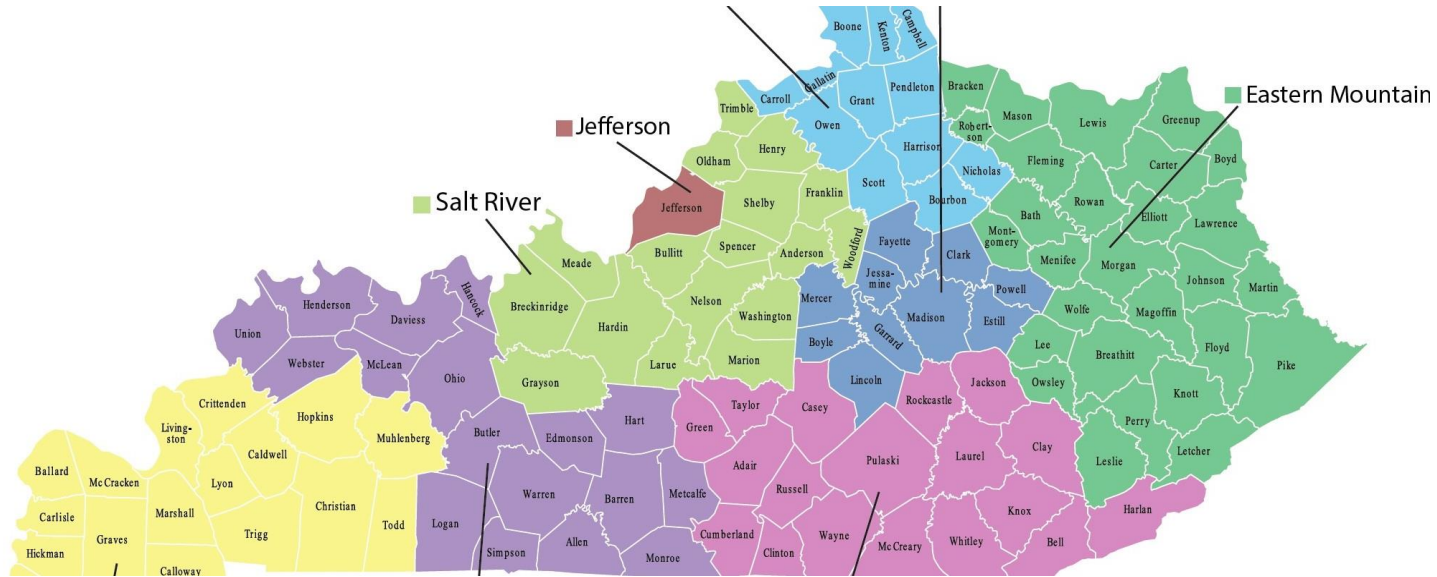
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What is Family Child Care Network of Kentucky?

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



FCCN-KY Area Map

What Is a Registered Family Child Care Home?



Care is provided in owner homes

Providers care for up to *3 children receiving CCAP per day*

Or 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 Family Child Care Home?

Care is provided in owner homes.

Providers care 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 (a maximum of 10 children at any one time).

What Is a Licensed Type II Family Child Care Home?



Care is provided in
owner homes.

Providers can care for 7
to 12 children
(including related
children) in
their homes.

Providers must meet
director qualifications
for a Type II center.



Benefits

- Mixed Age Groups and Sibling Care
- Lower Ratios
- Home Environments
- Nontraditional Hours
- Lifetime Relationships

Family Child Care Home Realities





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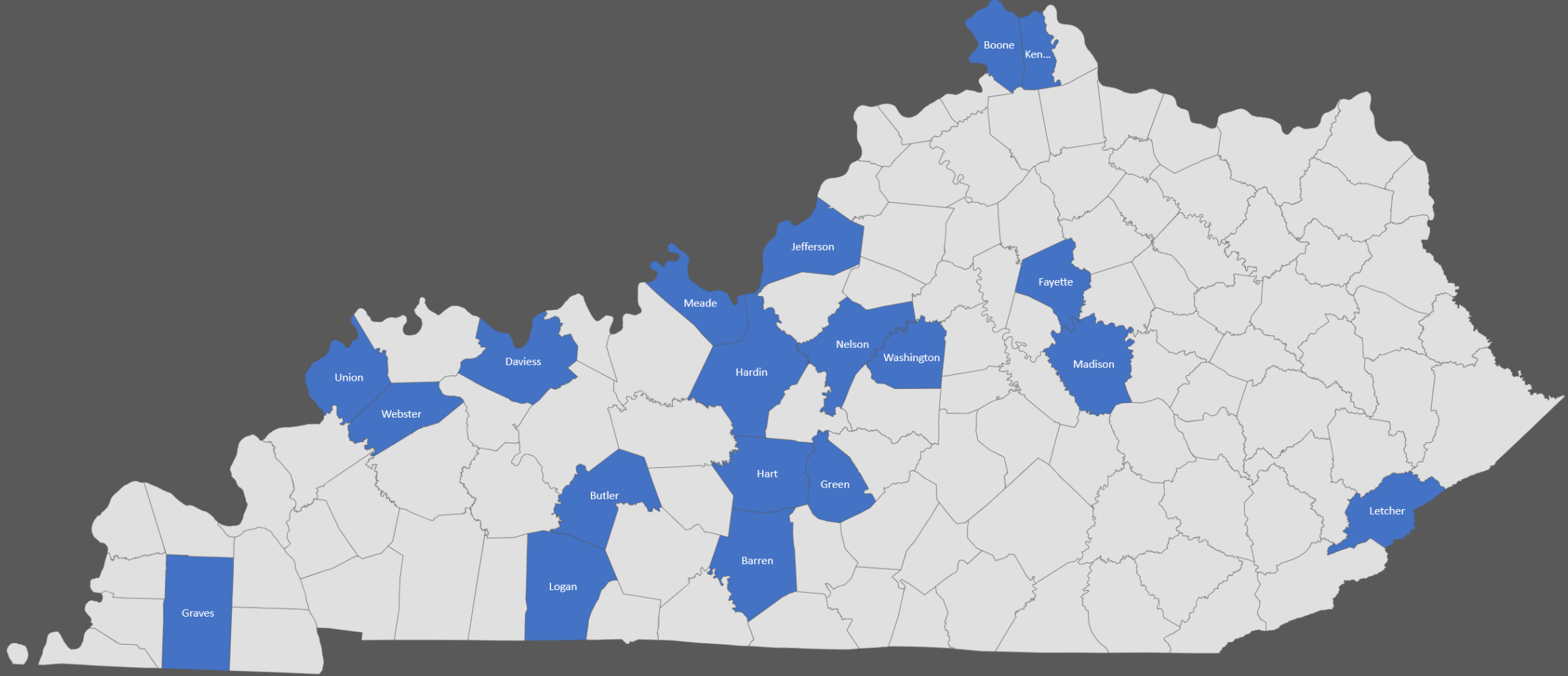
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Milestone Celebrations



Elevating Family Child Care...

- Decreasing zoning barriers one city at a time
 - In March of 2022, Louisville Metro Council unanimously approved an ordinance that eased zoning restrictions in residential areas that prevented child care providers from opening in certain areas.
- Growth in regulated child care homes since 2021
- Fifty-four Family Child Care \$5,000 Start Up Grants have been awarded



Family Child Care Home Start Up Grant Map



Policy Recommendations

Act on the guidance of the Early Childhood Education Task Force...

- Maintain Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) improvements to family eligibility, child care worker access, and transition period duration.
- Establish a cost modeling method for setting CCAP provider reimbursement rates based on the true cost of quality care.
- Ensure successful implementation of the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership (ECCAP/HB 499).



Policy Recommendations

Provide targeted support for Family Child Care Homes...

- Ensure continuation of Family Child Care Home Start-Up Grants
- Collaboratively study and formalize zoning regulations to facilitate growth of child care services while continuing to ensure safety, appropriate land use, and local control
- Continuation of Education Scholarships
- Stabilize the reimbursement payments for the Child & Adult Care Food Program



Questions?

Thank You
