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Family Child Care Networks

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AGENDA


- Welcome
- What are FCC Networks?
- How can a FCC Network support me?
- Why is Delaware starting this initiative?
- Why would I want to join a network?
- What is the commitment?
- Q&A
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FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS IN DELAWARE


- DIEEC is launching an FCC network initiative.
- A new project will roll out over the next year to build four networks across the state. Participation is completely voluntary.
- Participating FCC providers will engage in networks to build infrastructure and capacity to partner with publicly funded programs.



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WHAT ARE FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS?

- Connects individual providers to each other
- Connects family child care providers to system infrastructure
- Supports providers with a continuing long-term professional relationship with a network coordinator



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HOW CAN A FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORK SUPPORT ME?

- Connect your program to other family child care programs in your area
- Provide support for business operations
- Partner with you to help improve your program's overall quality
- Supports are driven by the needs of the program in meeting program standards



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WHY IS DELAWARE STARTING THIS INITIATIVE?

- Existing ECE initiatives have not included FCC programs.
- Delaware needs to develop a structure that allows FCC programs to participate.
- Through these networks, we will develop an understanding of what FCC providers need to participate.
- Networks will support FCC providers to participate in existing and future initiatives.



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WHY WOULD I WANT TO JOIN A NETWORK?

- Networking with other FCC providers
- Back office support
- Targeted professional development
- Financial incentives
- Enrollment and waitlist support
- Access to a shared services platform
- Inform future statewide services and supports that are offered for FCC providers



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WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

- Willing to work toward partnering with publicly-sponsored programs
- Interest in collaborating with a group of family child care providers
- Effort in giving feedback to develop the types of supports that would be helpful to Delaware providers



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QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



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NEXT STEPS

- 3/24/22
Hear from Philadelphia FCC provider, Adrienne Briggs, about her experience with participating in a Family Child Care Network
- 4/28/22
Meeting to continue planning FCC Networks



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THANK YOU!

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