

Achieve, the Minnesota Center for Professional Development | mncpd.org

Helps child care and early education professionals document and plan for their training and professional development. Services include:

- Help applying for an Individual Membership, creating a Learning Record, and receiving a Career Lattice Step using Develop
- Help applying to become an approved trainer, coach, consultant, or mentor
- Virtual career guide to assess skills and identify career options

Center for Early Education and Development | ceed.umn.edu

Offers the following services and supports:

- Observations and scoring with the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®)
- Supports for Parent Aware CLASS® Coaches
- Training on child assessment and CLASS® observation (infant, toddler, prekindergarten, and kindergarten through third grade versions)
- Training on the domains in the CLASS® Observation tool: Instructional Support, Classroom Organization, and Emotional Support
- Training on an overview of the CLASS® Observation Tool

Center for Inclusive Child Care | inclusivechildcare.org

Offers free relationship-based support, training, modeling, and resources. There are three types of coaching offered:

- Inclusion: support for providers as they seek to meet the individual needs of children through strategies, modeling, and support
- Health and safety: learn about best practices and new illness and accident prevention policies
- Infant and toddler: find new activities, routines, and materials for serving infants and toddlers

Child Care Assistance Program, Minnesota Department of Human Services | mn.gov

A state government program administered by local county or tribal governments that:

- Provides financial assistance to help families pay for child care
- Pays a higher rate for care provided through programs that are accredited, hold certain credentials, or have a Three- or Four-Star Rating
- [Find the county office, tribal office, or contracted agency nearest you](#)

Child Care Aware of Minnesota | childcareawaremn.org

Is a network of regional and district agencies, and one statewide agency. Supports provided include:

- Coaching, technical assistance, and grants
- Free and low-cost training to meet Parent Aware training requirements
- Professional development guidance for educators and providers
- Scholarships for higher education and retention bonuses

You can find the Child Care Aware office closest to you by clicking [contact us](#)

Child Care Wayfinder | childcarewayfinder.org

Is a one-stop navigation network for starting and growing child care programs. Local navigators act as resource guides to provide individualized support, including:

- Assisting a new program through the licensing process
- Creating collaborative goals and action plans to keep your program moving forward
- Making referrals to key partners that can assist in creating, sustaining, and expanding child care programs

Develop | developtoolmn.org

An online toolbox with two main components: Parent Aware and Professional Development. Use it to:

- Search and register for training and track professional development activities
- Apply for an Individual Membership and establish a Career Lattice Step
- Apply for and submit documentation to earn a Parent Aware Rating

Early Learning Scholarships Program, Minnesota Department of Education | mn.gov

A state government program that provides scholarships to help families pay for high-quality child care and early education. Pathway I scholarships are administered by area administrators. Pathway II scholarships are administered directly by Four-Star Rated Programs. [Find the area administrator nearest you](#)

- Scholarships must be used in Parent Aware Rated programs
- Pathway I scholarships are awarded directly to families who meet eligibility requirements and paid to the early childhood program that the family chooses
- Pathway II scholarships are awarded to families through Four-Star Parent Aware Rated programs

Empower to Educate, Child Care Aware of Minnesota | childcareawaremn.org/empower-to-educate

Looking to gain, grow and retain staff? Empower to Educate provides statewide assistance to current and aspiring early childhood educators looking to begin, advance, and sustain their career goals in child care. Participants receive:

- One-on-one individualized support by a Workforce Advisor related to setting career goals, higher education connections, and tips for job placement
- Free training opportunities
- Up to \$900 in financial support to assist with achieving set goals
- Opportunities to connect to a mentor to form an encouraging relationship and receive assistance developing and reflecting on key early childhood practices

First Children's Finance | firstchildrensfinance.org

Provides business development services, including:

- Business training, coaching, consultation, and technical assistance
- Business leadership cohorts
- Low-interest financing to child care businesses
- Facility Revitalization grants

Mental Health Consultation Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services
| dhs.ecmh@state.mn.us

Is a state government program that offers early childhood mental health consultation to child care providers, teachers, assistants, aides, and directors. Consultation includes a combination of training, reflective consultation, and skill building. To learn more about mental health consultation services you can email dhs.ecmh@state.mn.us

Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children | mnaeyc.org

Supports early childhood and school-age care programs across Minnesota with:

- Accreditation support services
- Curriculum and assessment consultation
- Relationship Based Professional Development (RBPD) on a variety of topics, customizable onsite
- Professional Development, tailored onsite training & public offerings
- Leadership Journey Series for center-based and school-age care leadership/management

Parent Aware | parentaware.org

Parent Aware is Minnesota's quality rating and improvement system for child care and early education programs. Parent Aware recognizes and rewards child care providers for using school readiness best practices by offering a four-star rating scale that is posted on parentaware.org

REETAIN Bonus, Child Care Aware of Minnesota | childcareawaremn.org/retain-bonuses

Help supplement income for early childhood educators as they work to establish a career in the field. With one round per year dedicated to family child care providers and one round per year dedicated to center employees, REETAIN Bonuses can be used for:

- Program materials
- Professional development
- Or personal expenses

TEACH Scholarships, Child Care Aware of Minnesota | childcareawaremn.org/teach-scholarships

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Minnesota is a scholarship program that helps early childhood and school-age educators increase their levels of education, compensation, and commitment to the field by earning college credits and degrees.