

CHILD CARE

Family Daycare Provider Opportunity Package



Estimated Allocation

- \$3 Million in grant funds to support up to 120 family day care providers to meet minimum federal health & safety requirements and become State registered.

FAMILY DAY CARE PROVIDER TRANSITION GRANT & SUPPORT PROGRAM!

Any family day care provider working with the SD Department of Social Services to meet minimum health and safety requirements and become a state registered provider is eligible for this program. The program includes an opportunity to apply for a grant up to \$15,000 to meet health & safety requirements and enhance child care services offered, technical assistance, free marketing, free health & safety training and many more support services to assist in business success!

Don't miss out!!! This is your chance to join a connected network of child care professionals!

FAMILY DAY CARE TRANSITION GRANT QUESTIONS

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The Program Includes:

- Up to \$15,000 in grant funding
- Eligible for CACFP (food program)
- Subsidy funding eligibility
- Free professional development resources and health & safety training
- Free coaching & technical assistance
- Access to SD ECE Start Provider Portal to advertise
- Professional growth and credential opportunities
- Social emotional programs
- Free CPR training

Transition Grant Deadline

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through February 1, 2024.



How to take advantage of this opportunity!

1. Those interested in becoming State registered, please contact your local Office of Licensing and Accreditation agency within DSS. For more information, please visit DSS Licensing Districts website <https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/licensing/districts.aspx>. A DSS representative will discuss the requirements to meet the federal health & safety requirements and steps to begin the state registration process.
2. Take the next steps to meet the federal health & safety requirements and become a state registered family day care provider. Family Day Care applicants must submit a two-page child care registration application, verify CPR certification, and have a cleared background screening on file with the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.
3. You will then be eligible for the Family Day Care Provider Program including eligible to apply for the Family Day Care Transition Grant of up to \$15,000!

Description of Program Supports

Transition Grant	Maximum funding is \$15,000 to assist providers in meeting minimally required health and safety standards to operate a state registered family day care. Additional funding is available to purchase operational enhancements to provide added quality of care to children. More details are in the application. Please reach out to your regional licensing specialist.
CACFP Eligibility	Child & Adult Care Food program is a federal program available to all state registered family day care providers to reimburse meals and snacks served to children in care. For more information visit: https://doe.sd.gov/cans/cacfp.aspx
Subsidy Funding Eligibility	Child Care Assistance is a federally funded program to provide financial assistance to parents utilizing a registered family day care provider. The reimbursement goes directly to the provider. For more information visit: https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/childcareassistance/
Professional Development Resources & Training	The Early Childhood Enrichment System offers a variety of evidence and research-based professional development opportunities. Trainings are accessible to child care providers across the state through in-person, online, and on-site delivery. Trainings are offered not only meet registration requirements but to also improve the quality of care. Classes are available for family day care providers. For more information visit: https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities/default.aspx
Free Coaching & Technical Assistance	The Early Childhood Enrichment System will offer one-on-one technical assistance and coaching to complete the registration process, assist you in identifying child care and business needs and connect you to resources. Examples of resources to support you and your program are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance and behavior management• Understanding a child's temperament• Program management and business support• Program planning and environmental supports For more information visit: https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities/default.aspx
Advertise through Provider Portal	You will have access to the ECE Start Provider Portal. This new Provider Profile gives you complete control to maintain and update your program's information. Having your program information available and easily accessible to families seeking child care is a free benefit to you and is a huge benefit to communities in South Dakota! For more information visit: https://www.helplinecenter.org/support-programs/child-care-resources/
Credential Opportunities	Family Day Care Providers may elect to enroll in the South Dakota Child Development Associate Program to further their child care career. Scholarships are currently available. For more information visit: https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities/associateproject.aspx
Social Emotional Programs	The Early Childhood Enrichment system offers support to child care providers and parents involving children who exhibit challenging behaviors or developmental concerns. For more information visit: https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities/default.aspx
Free CPR	Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a federal requirement for all registered family day care providers. This training is available through our state-wide Early Childhood Enrichment system. There is no fee to complete the training through these agencies. For more information visit: https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/educationalopportunities/default.aspx