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“Early childhood educators make a difference every day.”
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About
Southeastern Minnesota is facing a child care capacity crisis. “The reality is that the shortage is creating a ripple effect with a very real impact, not just on families, but on employers and entire communities...”

Families First is here to help! Through the Child Care Consultation Program, individuals who are in-process of becoming licensed, newly licensed or expanding their family child care business will be connected with a friendly and experienced Child Care Consultant who will offer support and connections to local resources. Incentive dollars are also available to help programs be successful and sustainable!

Mission
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Receive:
- Reimbursement for license-required training and start-up costs
- Incentive dollars to enhance child care environment
- Individualized coaching, home visits, and technical assistance
- Access to monthly Learning Community meetings
- No-cost, Develop-approved business and child development trainings

Commit to:
- Willingness to accept at least one of the following: infant, toddler, child with special needs, child receiving subsidies, increase enrollment, OR provide non-standard hour care
- Two home visits from Child Care Consultant
- Three Learning Community meetings
- Two-hour training on child development
- Two-hour training on cultural competency
- Commit to remain in business for at least 2 years

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