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FAMILY CHILD CARE INNOVATION NETWORKS AWARD



Are you a family child care provider in Massachusetts? Are you interested in connecting with other providers to learn and grow together?

Learn more about the Zaentz Early Education Initiative's Family Child Care Innovation Networks Award, which will provide groups of providers with up to \$5,000 to support peer learning work.

THE AWARD

The Family Child Care Innovation Networks Award is designed to spark, accelerate, and sustain community-based peer learning networks among family child care providers across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Award funds will help family child care providers engage in the kinds of reflective, collaborative practices that have been proven to increase educators' job satisfaction, wellbeing, and the quality of their practice.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Award is open to applicants who operate a licensed family child care program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Award money may be used to enhance ongoing peer learning work or support new networks and collaborative learning opportunities.

Applicants must submit proposals prepared collaboratively with other providers or on behalf of an identified group. Groups must consist of three or more providers who intend to use award funding to support peer learning and collaboration work. Applicants should submit one application per group.

AWARD DETAILS

Awards will be given in amounts of up to \$5,000. Exact award amounts will depend upon the nature of applicants' needs and work.

Award money may be used to cover investments and expenses associated with building and sustaining community-based peer learning networks, such as:



Professional learning facilitators, trainers, or speakers



Food or child care during network meetings



Technology needed for remote meetings and collaboration



Curricular materials to support the work of the community of practice

In addition to receiving funding, awardees will be invited to share their innovative practices at a virtual convening in the spring of 2021.

Applications are due February 19, 2021

Visit zaentz.gse.harvard.edu/innovation-challenge for more information and to apply.

Questions? Please reach out to Zaentz@gse.harvard.edu