## CT STAFFED FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS

# IMPROVING THE SUPPLY AND QUALITY OF INFANT TODDLER CARE

CT Staffed Family Child Care Networks are one of the Office of Early Childhood's (OEC) key quality improvement supports for family child care programs. These community initiatives have paid staff with expertise helping family child care providers. Staffed Family Child Care Networks help licensed providers reduce the amount of time and effort they spend managing their business, so they can focus more on learning and communicating with children and families.

#### STAFFED FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORK SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Professional development
- Ongoing coaching and consultation with Network Staff
- Access to health consultation provided by the Connecticut Nurses Association
- Access to behavioral health experts for the Early Childhood Consultation Partnership
- Access to business support consultation and training with the Women's Business and Development Council

#### ADDITIONAL SERVICES MAY INCLUDE:

- Assistance with administering the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Support to become nationally accredited through the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- Assistance with preparing and filing business taxes

### STAFFED FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS HELP TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND QUALITY OF INFANT TODDLER CARE BECAUSE THEY:

- Increase the quality of care provided
- Reduce isolation of providers
- Increase culturally relevant care for families, and communication between providers and families

The OEC's mission is to partner with families of young children to advance equitable early childhood policies, funding, and programs; support early learning and development; and strengthen the critical role of all families, providers, educators, and communities throughout a child's life. We will assertively remove barriers and build upon the strengths of historically disenfranchised people and communities to ensure fair access to OEC resources.

To join a Staffed Family Child Care Network in your area, go to the OEC's website to find local network contact information: Staffed Family Child Care Networks (SFCCN) - Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (ctoec.org)

