



The mission of MLFCCA is to support the highest standard of care for children in Minnesota's diverse licensed family child care homes through education, resources, recognition and advocacy.

Contact Katy Chase, MLFCCA Executive Director and find out how you can offer this series in your area under a non-exclusive license agreement.

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Essential Elements[®] of Family Child Care

Minnesota Center for Professional Development Registry Approved

A series of eight two-hour classes linking providers with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful child care program

Updated to include

- Minnesota Early Learning Guidelines, 0-3
- Early Childhood Indicators of Progress, 3-5
- Aligned with Minnesota Core Competencies
- Dovetails with licensing orientation
- Refresher for established providers

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Since 1973



Recordkeeping for a Business in Your Home

- What exactly is my income?
- What qualifies as a deduction?
- What are "7 Keys of Recordkeeping?"
- Contracts are essential!



Parent-Provider Relationships

- How can I maintain respectful communication?
- How do we find common values & interests?
- How do business policies assure a good fit?



Environment

- Can I ever really "hide" the daycare?
- Can my learning environment not look like a school?
- How can my environment sell me as a true professional?



Nutrition, Safety, and Health

- Can I stop what's "going around?"
- How do I keep kids clean and healthy?
- Why should I be on a Food Program?
- What do I do about medications?



Ages, Stages, and Learning

- How do children learn?
- What is facilitated learning?
- How do I plan for each child?
- What are my resources?



Child Guidance

- How do I teach children to make choices?
- What are "natural" and "logical" consequences?
- Help! They just don't listen or sit still!



Provider Rights and Responsibilities

- How can I protect myself from complaints?
- Why do I need business liability insurance?
- Where do I find my support systems, legal help and defense strategies?



Professional Development

- Professional associations: do I have time to be involved?
- What does a professional provider look like?
- What do I want to learn next?
- Me - an advocate?