

Upcoming Changes to Quality Programming

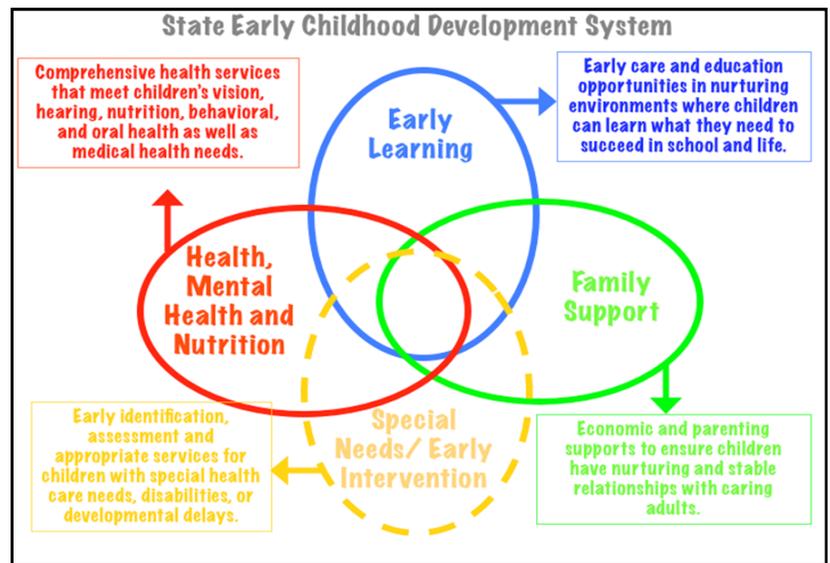
In an effort to create a true system of early childhood services for the state DECCD is proposing a single application to implement better early childhood quality enhancement services to child care centers, in home providers and parents in the state. This application will be written in such a way as to require a collaboration of organizations. Collaboration will streamline services and provide a single point of contact for parents and providers. The result is the Early Years Network.

When the 2011 Race to the Top application was not funded, DECCD began to develop a system that would address an area cited by reviewers as a weakness; a lack of infrastructure. Since that time, DECCD

has examined alternatives to service delivery that can provide a more efficient and effective service to parents and providers. Entities seek-

ing to apply for this funding will have to demonstrate an ability to collaborate to bring together subject matter experts who can provide

parents and child care providers with services through the Early Years Network.



Early Years Network Services:

All existing services merging together are in italics, all new services are bold:

1. *Allies for Quality Care*
On-site TTA for 15-20 centers (150 classrooms)
2. *Professional development*
 - a. Credentialing
 - Child care providers
 - Child care program directors
 - b. Child Development Associate (CDA)
 - c. Early Learning Guidelines/ Common Core Trainings
 - d. TEACH
3. **Nutrition and Physical Health**
 - a. **Child and Adult Care Food Program support and training**
 - b. **Work to identify a plan to create**
4. *Special Needs/ Mental Health*
 - a. *Training and Technical Assistance*
 - b. *Teacher Credential*
5. *Training and technical assistance*
 - a. QRIS prep technical assistance
6. *Business advisors*
7. **Community Engagement**
 - a. **Promote community involvement specifically to address the well-being and education of**
- children 0-8 years of age
- b. Engages communities in aspects of high quality early care and education programs including assistance to early education entities to foster relationships with school districts
8. **Parent education**
 - a. **Parent teacher conferences assistance with facilitation**
 - b. **Parenting classes**
 - c. **Parent classes on standards**
9. **Child Development Assessments**
10. *Resource & Referral (R&R) sites*
11. *QRIS*

Benefits of the Early Years Network:

- Increased funding for services through the elimination of duplicated services
- One-stop service system for parents and providers.
- Single toll-free line for services.
- Single website for services.
- Expanded educational services.
- Expanded family support services.