

# Supports for Child Care Providers

## **Learning Getaways**

Learning Getaways are professional development events tailored for child care providers, combining coaching and educational activities in each session. Topics cover business best practices and pedagogical strategies to enhance the quality of child care services. These events support providers in refining both their administrative and teaching skills. Each 2-hour session provides continuing education credits, a complimentary meal, and networking opportunities.

## **Coaching & Consultation**

This support program offers personalized coaching and professional development. We work directly with child care providers to identify challenges and create tailored strategies for improvement. Services include hands-on support, staff training, and access to free resources and materials to strengthen overall program quality.

## **Playground Inspection Program**

Focused on ensuring safe, engaging outdoor play environments, this program offers child care homes a thorough assessment of their playground or backyard area. We provide guidance on compliance with state regulations, suggest improvements, and offer a stipend for purchasing materials that enhance the space's safety and quality.

## **Community Resource Room**

Located within Early Learning Works, the Community Resource Room is a fully stocked space available by appointment to child care providers. They can access a variety of essential materials including color copiers, laminators, crafting supplies, and paper at no cost. This resource helps providers save on materials and enhance the quality of their educational offerings.

## **Virtual Talking is Teaching**

This monthly online story time program encourages child care providers to engage children with new books and stories around a specific theme each month. Participants receive a copy of the book for each child, along with a child care provider's copy for their library. The program includes small group activity guides with tips for individualized play and strategies aligned with the Department of Human Services Early Learning Guidelines. Educational toys or materials for the activities are also provided, making this a hands-on learning opportunity for both providers and children.

## **Creando Sueños**

Early Learning Works is empowering Spanish-speaking individuals to establish their own family child care homes through Creando Sueños ("Creating Dreams"). This initiative provides aspiring child care providers with personalized support from dedicated bilingual coaches who offer training, and guidance. Additionally, participants may qualify for stipends to help cover the cost of educational materials, essential supplies, or necessary home repairs to create a safe and nurturing environment for young children. Creando Sueños is turning dreams into reality by fostering high-quality, home-based child care opportunities within Spanish-speaking communities.