

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED QUALITY IMPROVEMENT NETWORK (QIN) OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT HOME PROVIDERS

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Application Release Date: August 29, 2016

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) of the District of Columbia seeks applications from child development home providers interested in joining the neighborhood-based Quality Improvement Network (QIN), a multi-year effort to improve and expand the quality of infant and toddler care in DC, in order to receive training, technical assistance, and supports to attain and maintain federal Early Head Start (EHS) standards.

No financial awards will be directly awarded to successful applicants. However, Child development home providers that are selected to join a quality improvement network will benefit from the following:

- Payment at the QIN Level Rate for eligible children;
- Job-embedded, continuous, professional learning and technical assistance aligned to DC Early Learning Standards and EHS standards;
- Payment at the Gold Level rate for centers serving children eligible for QIN services for full-time traditional services, and Gold level rate for homes for non-traditional services;
- Full subsidy payment for EHS-eligible children based on enrollment and not daily attendance rates; and
- Assistance with recruitment to fill vacancies and support with transitions to pre-K.

Invitation to Participate: OSSE is seeking applications from licensed child development home providers that want to be considered to join a neighborhood-based QIN. The network is led by a community-based organization that will serve as a Hub. The Hub agency that operates the child development home network is Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care.

Mary's Center is responsible for providing services and supports to participating home providers under the QIN and helps them meet the following goals:

- Implementation of an EHS model for serving infants, toddlers, and their families in a child development home;
- Assistance for caregivers and their assistants in attaining a Child Development Associate (CDA) certification with a focus on infant and toddler care within two years of becoming a participating provider;
- Provide comprehensive child development services for all children that enhance their physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development; and
- Coordinate an array of services to families including parenting education and family support.

For more information on eligibility requirements and the benefits of participating in the QIN, please contact:

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The Invitation to Participate in a Neighborhood-Based QIN of Child Development Home Providers will be available on OSSE's website at www.osse.dc.gov on August 29, 2016.

In order to be considered, interested applicants must submit an application to OSSE no later than September 9, 2016. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Supplements, deletions, or changes to the application will not be accepted after submission.

Applications must be submitted electronically to:

OSSE.DELgrants@dc.gov,
Attention: Tara Dewan-Czarnecki