

# **New Focused Child Care Network!**

## **Best Practices in Infant and Toddler Care**

**Begins May 1st, 2022**

### **What is a Focused Child Care Network?**

A Focused Child Care Network is a cohort of 12-15 child care providers who come together to receive special training, coaching, support, and technical assistance around a specific topic. The focus of this Network will be on Best Practices in Infant and Toddler Child Care. The program is funded by the Early Learning Division and managed by Quality Care Connections, Lane County's child care resource agency.



### **Who Can Apply?**

To be considered for the Network, providers must be licensed and working directly with infants and/or toddlers or have an interest in expanding their program to include infant/toddler care. Priority will be given to programs serving children and families furthest from opportunity and to providers that have not previously participated in a Focused Network.

Family child care providers and infant/toddler teachers at center-based programs are all welcome to apply.

### **What Are the Requirements for Participation?**

Participants will attend one required activity each month for the duration of the Network, including training, meetings, and visits to your program site. There may also be occasional assignments related to infant and toddler care. Additionally, participants must commit to active involvement for the duration of the Network.

### **What Are the Benefits?**

- Learn best practices for infant/toddler care
- Increase your program's quality
- Attend free trainings
- Receive coaching and technical assistance
- Earn incentive funds for supplies/equipment
- Get help with Spark and the Oregon Registry



### **How Do I Apply?**

Email your completed application to Alex Curtis at [curtisa@lanecc.edu](mailto:curtisa@lanecc.edu) or call 541-632-3735.

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## Program Application



Your Name:			
Phone Number:		Email Address:	
Program Name:			
Program Type: (Circle One)	Certified Center	Certified Family	Registered Family
License Number:		Expiration Date:	
Oregon Registry Step:		Spark Star-Rating:	

1. Do you currently provide care for infants and/or toddlers? Yes No

If yes, describe your infant/toddler program: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If no, describe your interest in opening an infant/toddler program: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Have you participated in a Focused Network with Quality Care Connections previously? Yes No

If yes, what was the focus and when did you participate? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you provide care for children who are experiencing poverty, have special needs, are from diverse backgrounds, or are at risk in some way? Yes No

If yes, please describe the circumstances in general terms: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please attach a second page answering the following questions: What is your background in child care, early childhood education, and/or child development? How long you have been providing child care? What is your program philosophy? Why are you interested in being a part of the Infant/Toddler Focused Network? What do you hope to gain from the experience? What level of commitment do you feel you can bring to the program?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please submit completed applications to Alex Curtis via email at [curtisa@lanecc.edu](mailto:curtisa@lanecc.edu).

For questions about the application process or the Network, contact Alex Curtis at 541 632-3735

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