



MARYLAND STATE FAMILY CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

# CCANBE

CHILD CARE ADVANCEMENT NETWORK BUILDING EDUCATORS



# ABOUT MSFCCA



Founded in 1983, the **Maryland State Family Child Care Association (MSFCCA)** has been the unwavering voice for family child care providers across Maryland. We ensure your needs and the needs of the children you care for are always represented.

From the start, we've been dedicated to empowering family child care providers — most of whom are women — through **education, advocacy, and a strong community of support**. Our work is driven by passionate volunteers who are themselves family child care providers, bringing firsthand understanding and heart to everything we do.

MSFCCA plays a vital role in shaping the future of family child care by actively working on regulatory reviews and pushing for meaningful improvements to the profession. Over the years, we've **championed many bills that have become law**, bringing tangible benefits to providers throughout Maryland.

We're committed to uplifting providers and raising the quality of care, offering free training to help you meet licensing requirements and continue delivering exceptional care.

Above all, MSFCCA is here to grow with you. Together, we're building a nurturing, supportive environment where both providers and children can thrive — steadfastly championing family child care across Maryland.

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# WHAT IS CCANBE?



## CCANBE stands for the Child Care Advancement Network Building Educators.

It's a powerful initiative by the Maryland State Family Child Care Association (MSFCCA) designed to uplift, support, and advance Maryland's family child care providers — the dedicated professionals shaping the earliest experiences of our youngest learners.

Through CCANBE, we aim to open doors of opportunity and ensure that every provider, no matter their background, has access to the tools, resources, and encouragement needed to excel.

### Here's what CCANBE offers:

- **Personalized mentorship and coaching** to help you improve your program's quality, navigate credentialing, and reach recognized standards that set you apart.
- **Support for providers with international education** — helping translate and evaluate your degrees so your hard work is recognized here in Maryland, and new career doors can open.
- **Guidance to prepare your program to participate in Maryland's Pre-K expansion**, so more children in our communities can benefit from high-quality early learning in nurturing, family-like settings.

But CCANBE is more than a program — **it's a community of passionate educators lifting each other up.** It's about creating real change for family child care providers, most of whom are women and women of color, by breaking down barriers and building pathways to professional growth.

Whether you want to elevate your program's quality, have your international credentials recognized, or take the next step toward offering Pre-K, **CCANBE is here to walk alongside you — cheering you on and providing the resources you need to succeed.**

Together, we're not just building stronger programs — **we're building a brighter future for Maryland's children, families, and the incredible educators who care for them every day.**



# CCANBE PHASE 1

## Quality Quest Mentorship



**Joining the CCANBE PHASE 1: Quality Quest Mentorship initiative means becoming part of a community dedicated to quality and excellence in child care.** It's an opportunity to achieve recognized standards by navigating the path to Maryland Credentialing, NAFCC Accreditation, Maryland EXCELS, CDA, and beyond, all with expert, personal guidance.

Through Phase 1, you'll be paired with a mentor who will work closely with you to create an individualized plan to elevate your program's quality. Whether you're looking to improve classroom practices, reach new credentialing levels, or explore national accreditation, your mentor will guide you step by step.

What makes this initiative even stronger is that it's **delivered in partnership with local family child care associations across Maryland**, who provide direct, hands-on support with the backing of MSFCCA. This means you're getting the benefit of mentors who know your local community and challenges, supported by a statewide network invested in your success.

As you progress through each milestone, you'll earn **financial incentives** that help you reinvest in your program — all while gaining the skills and confidence to provide the highest quality care. And along the way, you'll be surrounded by a network of fellow providers and mentors who are rooting for you.

### **Who can join?**

This initiative is **open to ALL family child care providers across Maryland** who are eager to grow, improve quality, meet state standards, or pursue accreditation — and want to be part of a supportive mentorship community.

**Mentors can fill out the form to document progress [here](https://forms.gle/NAeiLvXy12mFwSgd9):**  
<https://forms.gle/NAeiLvXy12mFwSgd9>



# CCANBE PHASE 2

## Global Credentials, Local Opportunity



**CCANBE PHASE 2: Global Credentials, Local Opportunity** is dedicated to helping Maryland child care professionals turn international education into local opportunity.

### What is it?

- Free international credential evaluation through the International Education Research Foundation (IERF) – with all costs fully covered by MSFCCA.
- 2-year free membership with MSFCCA, connecting you to a statewide network of resources and advocacy.
- 1-year membership to the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).
- Multilingual support to assist non-native English speakers through the entire process.

We'll guide you step by step to ensure your degrees and coursework from other countries are formally recognized here in Maryland. This creates new possibilities to advance your career, qualify for teaching opportunities, continue your education, or simply ensure your hard work is fully valued.

### Who is this for?

This opportunity is open to **ALL Maryland Family Child Care providers, co-providers, and additional adults** – who have earned a college degree or completed college coursework outside the United States. **It doesn't matter which country or whether your education was in English or another language – your international education is welcome and recognized here.**

**Apply now to get started:**

<https://forms.gle/n9XcrJYEvPuH7KhG9>

# CCANBE PHASE 3

## Ready, Set, Pre-K!



**Phase 3 of CCANBE, called Ready, Set, Pre-K, is designed to help Maryland family child care providers prepare to participate in the state's Prekindergarten Expansion Grant for the 2026-2027 academic year.**

Through this initiative, MSFCCA and our local partners provide **comprehensive support** so your program can successfully apply for Pre-K funding and meet Maryland's quality standards. As a participant in this **HUB** effort, you'll receive:

- On-site visits to assess your program using **Maryland's Pre-K standards**, giving you a clear picture of your strengths and areas to grow.
- Hands-on help building your **grant application and budget**, so you feel confident and ready to submit.
- Expert guidance on **staffing qualifications, curriculum choices, and compliance requirements**, ensuring your program is well-prepared to deliver high-quality Pre-K.
- Mentorship on **invoicing and reporting**, so you'll be ready to handle the requirements that come with state-funded slots.
- Direct support in applying for **Pre-K slots**, helping you grow your program to serve more children and build long-term financial stability.
- **Grant writing assistance**, taking the stress out of putting together a competitive application.

### Who can join?

This opportunity is open to **family child care providers across Maryland who are interested in expanding their programs to offer state-funded Pre-K**, support more families, and strengthen their businesses.

**By completing the application form, you're taking the first step toward being part of the 2026-2027 Pre-K Expansion Grant cycle.**

If selected, our team will reach out to begin preparing your program. If capacity is full, we'll place your program on a waitlist and notify you as soon as additional support becomes available.

**Apply here to get started:**

<https://forms.gle/uQP1qKRUFPIrEwGTA>