

EarlyLearn Transition from ACS to DOE: Family Child Care

Our Vision: In recognition of the vital contributions of family child care, the DOE views family child care providers as respected and valued professionals within the early care and education system of New York City. The DOE seeks to support and enhance the existing strengths of family child care as birth-to-four programs that promote continuous and responsive relationships, strengthen early learning skills, build resiliency, and lay the foundation for all future learning.

What is the EarlyLearn transition from ACS to DOE?

- EarlyLearn programs serving children from birth to five will now be managed by the DOE, to create a stronger system of early care and education in New York City.
- This transition includes EarlyLearn center-based programs and Family Child Care Networks and their affiliated providers. The DOE will maintain the Family Child Care Network structure.
- All EarlyLearn contracts are scheduled to transfer to the DOE in July 2019. The terms of the contracts will remain the same, and these contracts will expire June 30, 2020.

What happens after 2019?

- The DOE will contract for birth-to-five services that begin in July or September 2020 through three separate Requests for Proposals (RFPs):
 - Birth-to-Five Services RFP: School Day/Year & Extended Day/Year (center-based programs and Group Family Day Care);
 - Head Start/Early Head Start Services RFP (center-based programs); and
 - Family Child Care Networks RFP (Networks that affiliate with Group Family Day Care and Family Day Care providers).
- The Birth-to-Five Services RFP and Head Start/Early Head Start Services RFP were released in March 2019 and are accessible online via HHS Accelerator. The DOE anticipates releasing the Family Child Care Networks RFP during Spring 2019.

Who applies to the Family Child Care Networks RFP?

- Family child care **providers** who are affiliated with a network **do not** need to apply to the RFP.
- Family child care **networks** will need to apply to the Family Child Care Networks RFP in order to continue contracting with the City for the following services:
 - 3-K for All
 - Child Care (Extended Day/Year) slots to serve infants, toddlers, and 3-year-olds
- FCC providers should speak with their networks to help inform the services they apply for.

What are the requirements for 3-K for family day care providers?

- You must affiliate with an FCC Network.
- Either the onsite provider as identified on the license/registration and/or the assistant must have a CDA (Child Development Associate) credential or higher.

If I am a group family day care (GFDC) provider, what are my options?

- GFDCs can choose to affiliate with a network, or can apply for a direct DOE contract.
- If you want to **affiliate with a network**:
 - You do not need to submit a proposal to an RFP.
 - You can serve mixed-ages (infants, toddlers, and 3s).
 - You can provide the following services:



- 3-K for All (CDA credential is required)
 - Child Care (Extended Day/Year) services for infants, toddlers, 3-year-olds
 - You do not need to have a certified teacher
- If you want to apply for a **direct DOE contract**:
 - You need to submit a proposal to the Birth-to-Five Services RFP by June 5, 2019 (see below for resources).
 - You can only serve one single age group: 3-year-olds or 4-year-olds.
 - You can provide the following services:
 - School Day and Year Services for 3- or 4-year-olds
 - Extended Day and Year Services for 3- or 4-year-olds
 - You are required to have a certified teacher.
 - You are considered a center-based program and must meet requirements as outlined in the Policy Handbook for 3-K for All and Pre-K for All services.

What if I affiliate with a network and that network is not awarded a DOE contract or is not awarded the type of services I want to provide?

- You can reach out to another network that was awarded a contract for the services you want to provide, and seek to affiliate with that network.
- The DOE’s Family Child Care Support Team can help connect you with other networks.

What should I do if an organization is asking me to pay money to affiliate with their network or to submit an RFP proposal for me?

- Networks should not ask you to pay money in order to affiliate with them.
- Organizations cannot guarantee you seats in exchange for money.
- Reach out to the DOE Family Child Care Support Team for help understanding your options.

Where can I learn more about the RFPs?

- Visit schools.nyc.gov/provideearlychildhood to find important resources for applying to the open RFPs. Email PreKRFP@schools.nyc.gov with questions.
- All applications must be submitted online through HHS Accelerator. You can learn more about accessing HHS at schools.nyc.gov/provideearlychildhood.

What supports will the DOE offer?

FCC programs will receive support from FCC Networks and DOE staff to advance: (1) Responsive relationships and positive experiences for children; (2) Play-based & exploratory curricula within a mixed-age setting; (3) Protective factors in the early years to strengthen resilience

Networks will receive:

- On-site support visits and in-person professional learning sessions for network leaders, staff, and providers
- Interdisciplinary instructional resources and family engagement supports
- Administrative supports

If you have any questions, please contact the DOE Family Child Care Support Team at fccsupportteam@schools.nyc.gov.



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