

Funded by Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and FDC Foundation



Taking the Lead

FOR HOME-BASED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

Taking the Lead (TTL) is designed to support early childhood administrators of home-based programs to grow and sustain their business.

AS A PARTICIPANT, YOU WILL:

- Explore and strengthen business and professional practices, focus on improving the learning environment, and practice strategies to become a change agent.
- Learn strategies for building your leadership capacity, recordkeeping, budgeting, marketing, and improving contracts and handbooks.
- Participate in interactive learning and guided reflections.
- Engage with a network of peers in a professional learning community about early childhood leadership.
- Use the Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care (BAS) and the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R) to diagnose administrative and learning environment challenges and assess the need for change.
- Experience the impact of using data to improve program quality.
- Receive support and guidance from a coach.
- Apply a mini grant to support improvements toward circles of quality in ExceleRate™ Illinois.
- Participate in the Leadership Connections National Conference, Family Child Care Summit with colleagues from around the world as you learn new concepts.

A Blended Event of Virtual and In-Person Sessions for 2024–2025.

\$175* and full participation gets you:

- Training Sessions (in-person sessions and virtual sessions) from Sept 2024-May 2025
- Lunch included for in-person sessions
- Grant funds to be used towards program improvements
- Books, handouts, materials, and program assessment tools
- 119 total contact hours and credit towards Illinois Family Child Care Credential. Training delivered through group learning, independent online learning, self-assessment, and coaching
- Registration to the Leadership Connections™ National Conference, Family Childcare Summit.
- 10 quarter hours of optional undergraduate college course credit for an additional fee



Deadline to apply: **July 10, 2024**

*Valued at over \$5,000.

The registration fee is only for Illinois administrators. Out-of-state administrators, please contact MCECL.LA@nl.edu

TTL 11 (two locations, simultaneously)

NLU - Lisle Campus

850 Warrenville Road,
Lisle, IL 60532
Public Forum Room

9/7/24 | In-person
10/5/24 | In-person
10/15/24 | Virtual | 2 hr. webinar
11/2/24 | In-person
12/7/24 | In-person
1/11/25 | Virtual

Edwardsville, IL

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Edwardsville
1000 Plummer Drive
Edwardsville, IL 62025

2/1/25 | Virtual
3/1/25 | Virtual
4/5/25 | Virtual
4/26/25 | In-person
Leadership Connections, Family Child
Care Summit (TBD)

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Note: Participants must be able to:

- Have computer access with audio and video capabilities
- Access the internet, including Zoom platform and McCormick Center Learning Management System (LMS)
- Save and upload files and open PDF documents

Learn more and apply at: McCormickCenter.nl.edu/ilttl