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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 \$300 grant to support improvements toward circles of quality in ExceleRate™ Illinois.
- Participate in the Leadership Connections National Conference with colleagues from around the world as you learn new concepts.

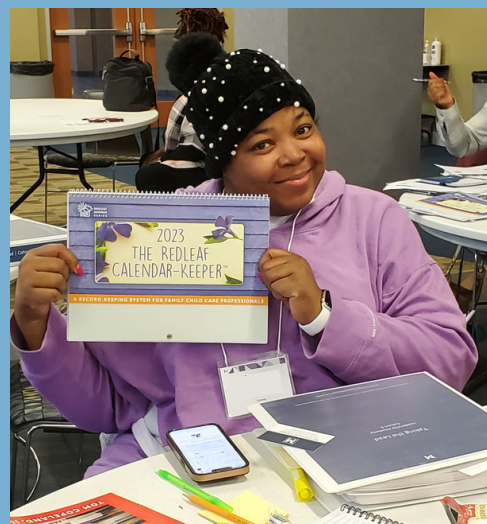
A Blended Event of Virtual and In-Person Sessions for 2023–2024.

\$150* and full participation gets you:

- Ten training sessions (five in-person sessions and five virtual sessions) from Sept. 2023-May 2024
- Lunch included for in-person sessions
- \$300 program improvement funds
- Books, handouts, materials, and program assessment tools
- 119 total contact hours and six points of Illinois Family Child Care Credential approved training delivered through group learning, independent online learning, self-assessment, and coaching
- Registration to the Leadership Connections™ National Conference
- 10 quarter hours of optional undergraduate college course credit for an additional fee

*Valued at over \$2000.

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



Deadline to apply: **July 21, 2023**

TTL 10

NLU - Lisle Campus

850 Warrenville Road,
Lisle, IL 60532
Public Forum Room

9/9/23 | In-person at the Lisle campus
10/14/23 | In-person at the Lisle campus
10/19/23 | Virtual | 2 hr. webinar
11/4/23 | In-person at the Lisle campus

12/2/23 | In-person at the Lisle campus
1/6/24 | Virtual
2/3/24 | Virtual
Leadership Connections
(date and location TBD)
3/2/24 | Virtual
4/13/24 | Virtual
5/4/23 | In-person at the Lisle campus
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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



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