

FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORKS ACT

Act 108 of 2022

AN ACT to create family child care networks; to prescribe the powers and duties of state departments and agencies; and to provide resources to child care providers.

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The People of the State of Michigan enact:

722.1601 Short title.

Sec. 1.

This act may be cited as the "family child care networks act".

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722.1603 Definitions.

Sec. 3.

As used in this act:

- (a) "Department" means the department of education.
- (b) "Family child care network" or "network" means the networks created under section 5.
- (c) "Provider" means a home-based group child care home or family child care home licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128.
- (d) "Region" means 1 of at least 4 areas of the state as determined by the department to provide technical assistance to child care providers.

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722.1605 Family child care networks; framework.

Sec. 5.

(1) Upon appropriation, the department shall establish the family child care networks to support home-based child care providers. Funding must be dispersed equitably in a manner determined by the department with family child care networks in every region in this state.

(2) The department shall convene stakeholders to develop a framework for family child care networks based on the needs of providers. The framework must include, at least, the following:

- (a) Business supports.
- (b) Connections to peers.
- (c) Operational supports.

- (d) Program quality support.
- (e) Training and technical assistance.
- (f) Engaging new providers.

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722.1610 Provision or connection of certain services to providers.

Sec. 10.

A family child care network must offer or connect providers to services including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) Individual coaching.
- (b) Training and professional development, including supporting developmental screenings, health and nutrition, program quality, and early childhood mental health consultation.
- (c) Connections to peers.
- (d) Operational supports, including assistance with licensing, subsidy billing, and recruiting families.
- (e) Business services, including tax preparation, policies and procedures, and human resources support.

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722.1615 Department duties; annual report.

Sec. 15.

- (1) The department shall do, at a minimum, all of the following:
 - (a) Upon appropriation, establish a family child care network in every region of this state.
 - (b) Require all networks to participate in the following:
 - (i) A statewide community of practice.
 - (ii) Professional development for network staff.
 - (iii) Data collection and evaluation to measure success and improve the networks' responsiveness to providers.
 - (c) Require networks to be connected to the state's existing child care infrastructure, including, at least, the state's quality and licensing system.
- (2) The department shall submit an annual report on the activities and outcomes of each family child care network by region and the changes in the number of home-based providers in the state to the house and senate appropriation committees on the department budget and the state budget office.

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