



**Accessible quality child care is critical for strong child development as well as the economic stability of families and communities. Investing in communities across the state opens doors for families, employers, businesses and community organizations that need child care to thrive – so their community and economy can thrive.**

## Overview of the **Office of Child Care Community Partnerships**

The Office of Child Care Community Partnerships is a newly created office at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). It supports and promotes the expansion of quality child care statewide and helps increase accessibility to child care for underserved communities.

The Office advocates for and promotes access to child care by connecting employers, businesses, communities and child care providers with resources, expertise and opportunities to invest in child care capacity in their communities.

This work will be done in coordination with other state agencies and local partners across the state to ensure resources are targeted where they're needed most – and where the resources will deliver the most impact for communities statewide.

### **GRANT PROGRAMS**

Child Care Economic Development grants and Greater Minnesota Child Care Facility grants are grant programs that provide opportunities to retain or expand child care across the state. They are available through the Office of Child Care Community Partnerships; details can be found on DEED's website. New funding rounds are anticipated by fall 2024.

### **PARTNER PROGRAMS**

The Office supports work with all six of the Minnesota Initiative Foundations and WomenVentures to support childcare with business, training, and funding supports.

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