

Family Childcare Provider Technology Pilot

Open Request for Application (RFA)



The Southeastern Childcare Collective is working to increase access to affordable early childcare and education in New London County. The goal of the Technology Pilot is to prepare family childcare providers for major changes to the childcare system taking place in summer 2027. **Providers who can successfully apply for and receive Early Start funds will receive state funding to offer affordable, high-quality childcare, making them more sustainable, competitive and profitable businesses.**

The technology, training, and support provided in this pilot are a one-time investment to each provider with long-term impact on business' capacity to remain in operation.

RFA Released: 07/01/2026

Applications Due: 07/24/2026

Application Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Cohort Starts: 08/05/2026

Orientation: Individually Scheduled

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What Providers will receive from the Technology Pilot

Family Childcare Providers selected to participate in the Technology Pilot will receive access to the following business resources:

- **Equipment:** Based on providers' needs could include laptop, printer/scanner, tablet, mouse, and laptop case
- **Setup:** Industry expert will visit the provider's home, set up the equipment, and provide computer skills and technology orientation (computer, internet, troubleshooting, etc.), and technology support
- **Technology Literacy Training:** Provider will participate in existing online training courses through Women's Business Development Council (WBDC)
- **Childcare Management Software Training and Support:** Provider will receive comprehensive, hands-on training and ongoing technical assistance to implement Brightwheel in their daily operations

PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY & COMMITMENT

1. Licensed Family Childcare Provider in New London County
2. Current active enrollment
3. Established need for technology equipment and training
4. Commit to applying to CT-OEC's Early Start
5. Has a high school diploma or GED
6. Commit to completing individually tailored WBDC online training courses