

# Family Childcare Provider Technology Pilot

## Open Request for Application (RFA)



United Way of Southeastern Connecticut 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.

### 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:** Laptop computer, printer/scanner
- **Software:** Access to capacity-building childcare management software, office products
- **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 8 existing online training courses through Women's Business Development Council
- **Childcare Systems Training & Support:** Provider will receive training on how to apply for Early Start (state childcare subsidy program), support in gaining national accreditation (which is needed to access Early Start funds), and utilizing the 2-1-1 portal, OEC registry and parent portal

### 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 in 2026
5. Has a high school diploma or GED
6. Commit to completing at least 8 WBDC online training classes with the option of taking specialized classes (CCMS & QuickBooks)

**RFA Released:** 02/25/2026

#### Information Session (ZOOM):

03/17/2026, 1 pm

OR

03/18/2026, 6:00 pm

**Zoom:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6334122429?pwd=8Bf94KvOIRZMoazDOAMdVEGejVY8jm.1&omn=87873745475>

Meeting ID: 633 412 2429

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**Applications Due:** 03/29/2026

**Application Link:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Award Announcement:**

04/14/2026

**Cohort Starts:** 04/29/2026

**Orientation:** Individually Scheduled

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