Supporting Family Child Care in New Jersey

**Registered family child care home providers in New Jersey**

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**Why it’s hard to keep workers**
- retirement
- long hours
- challenging job
- low pay

**Why choose family child care?**
- Less expensive than center-based care
- Home-like environment
- Siblings can be together
- Personal relationships with providers
- Non-traditional hours
- Small group sizes
- Community location

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**Three-quarters of New Jersey’s infants and toddlers do not have access to high-quality child care**

**70% of poor children in regular, non-parental care receive care within three miles of their home**

**Family child care fills a critical need**
- lower prices
- relationships
- neighborhood locations

**Family child care can be high quality.**
- small group size
- relationships
- continuity of care

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**A Collaborative Vision for High-Quality Care**

**Registered family child care homes are a community-based solution**
- economically viable home-based businesses
- high-quality settings for the healthy development of children

**All parties must collaborate on short- and long-term plans for**
- Licensing
- Subsidy
- Quality Improvement

**Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies** support
- Professional Development for staff working with providers

**Family Child Care Home Providers** support
- Professional Development to build
  - business skills
  - child development skills
  - Higher subsidy rates for
  - economic viability
  - high-quality care

**Policymakers** need to
- **Strengthen and Simplify Policies**
  - Mandatory registration for home providers
  - Raise the cap on number of children
  - Increase staffing aligned with ages and number of children
  - Explore substitute staff in homes
  - Address technology barriers
  - Make research-informed policies
- **EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PROVIDERS AND SUPPORT CURRENT PROVIDERS**