



Taking the Lead

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | 2018-2019

A FAMILY CHILD CARE INITIATIVE

\$120* GETS YOU:

- \$300 program improvement funds
- 48 hours of group learning (face-to-face) one Saturday per month (includes lunch)
- 35 hours of independent learning (online) between November and June
- 16 hours of self-assessment and one-on-one mentoring
- 20 hours at 2018 Leadership Connections™ national conference, 2-day registration with free lodging
- 119 total contact hours and 6 points of Family Child Care Credential approved training
- 10 quarter hours of undergraduate college course credit available for an additional fee
- Books, handouts, and materials

(Valued at over \$1,000)

*\$120 registration is for Illinois residents only. Additional fees apply to residents outside of Illinois.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 31

PHONE INTERVIEWS

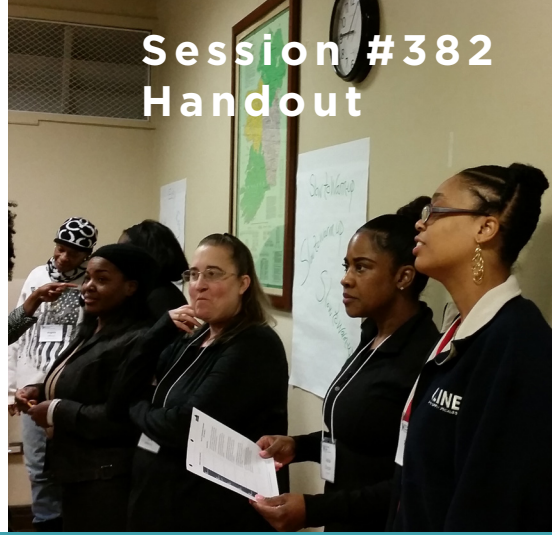
September 11, 12, 13

ORIENTATION

October 6 | 10am – 12pm
NLU Wheeling Campus

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JOIN THE TAKING THE LEAD COHORT | APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2018

- Learn strategies for growing and sustaining a successful family child care business.
- Enhance your work as both a business owner and educator.
- Develop and implement a monthly quality improvement plan.
- Gain an understanding of your role as a change agent—at the individual, business, and community levels.
- Demonstrate competencies aligned with the Illinois Family Child Care Credential and ExceleRate™ Illinois QRIS.
- Learn together with other family child care providers and build a professional learning community.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Advocacy. Business. Environment management. *(Aligned with IL Gateways to Opportunity Family Child Care Credential)*
- Fiscal management. Risk management. Record keeping. Contracts and handbooks. Marketing. Family partnerships. *(Aligned with ExceleRate™ Illinois and the Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care)*
- Quality Improvement Plans. Change management. *(Aligned with ExceleRate™ Illinois)*

LOCATION

Irish American Heritage Center*
4626 N. Knox Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630

**All sessions take place at the Irish American Heritage Center unless otherwise indicated.*

PROGRAM DATES

All meetings 8:30am to 5:30pm except Orientation (October 6: 10am-12pm)

2018

Oct 6 | *NLU, Wheeling campus*
Nov 17
Dec 15

2019

Jan 12*
Feb 9**
Mar 9
Apr 6
May 9-11 | *Westin, Wheeling, IL*
June 22 | *NLU, Wheeling campus*
*Jan 26 | *Snowdate, McCormick Center*
**Feb 23 | *Snowdate, McCormick Center*



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