

JOIN A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS



Taking the Lead

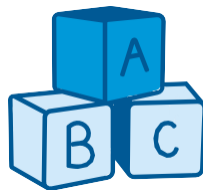
for Family Child Care Professionals

Gain the knowledge and skills to:

Explore and strengthen business and professional practices, focus on improving the learning environment, and practice strategies to become a change agent.



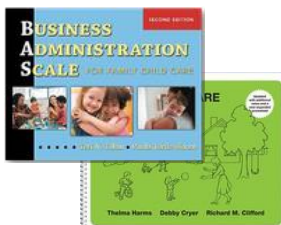
Thrive as a FCC small
business owner



Enhance your program's
learning environment



Expand your leadership
competencies



Deepen your understanding of quality assessment tools

A blended event of virtual and in-person sessions.

Learn More & Apply:



Taking the Lead (TTL) Includes:

- 9 monthly training sessions (combination of in-person and virtual)
- 119 total contact hours and credit towards Illinois Family Child Care Credential
- A \$300 quality improvement grant
- Support through a **community** of peers and a TTL coach
- 10 quarter hours of undergraduate college course credit (for an additional fee)

\$175 registration fee for Illinois professionals. Out-of-state professionals, please contact MIEC.LA@nl.edu

Full Schedule

September 26, 2026

Orientation: It Starts With You

October 24, 2026

More Than a Nurturing Heart,
Creating Continuous Quality
Improvement Plans

October 29, 2026

(2-hour evening session)
Recordkeeping Introduction
Webinar

November 21, 2026

Promoting Quality: An Overview of
the FCCERS-R

December 19, 2026

Making Dollars and Sense | Part 1,
Budgeting and Fiscal Management

January 16, 2027

Put it in Writing: Contracts and
Handbooks

February 20, 2027

Making Dollars and Sense | Part 2,
Family Engagement

March 20, 2027

Marketing with a Message

April 17, 2027

Advocacy and Engagement

May 1, 2027

Final Presentations and Ceremony

■ In-person ■ Virtual

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