CONNECT AND COLLABORATE IN A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY
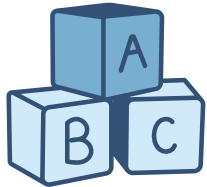

Taking the Lead

FOR FAMILY CHILDCARE 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.
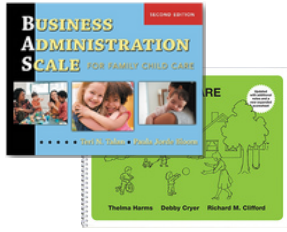
Thrive as a FCC small business owner

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.

McCormick Center
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD LEADERSHIP
AT NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Lisle, IL

TAKING THE LEAD (TTL) INCLUDES:

- **9** monthly training sessions (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
- Registration to the **Leadership Connections™** National Conference, Family Childcare Summit
- 10 quarter hours of undergraduate college course credit (for an additional fee)

Valued at over $5,000.
$175 registration fee is for Illinois administrators. Out-of-state administrators, please contact MCECL.LA@nl.edu

FULL SCHEDULE

September 7, 2024
Orientation: It Starts With You

October 5, 2024
More Than a Nurturing Heart, Creating Continuous Quality Improvement Plans

October 15, 2024 (2 hour evening session)
Recordkeeping Introduction Webinar

November 2, 2024
Promoting Quality: An Overview of the FCCERS-R

December 7, 2024
Making Dollars and Sense: Budgeting and Fiscal Management | Part 1

January 11, 2025
Put it in Writing: Contracts and Handbooks

February 1, 2025
Making Dollars and Sense | Part 2, Family Engagement

March 1, 2025
Marketing with a Message

April 5, 2025
Advocacy in Action

April 26, 2025
Final Presentations and Ceremony

May 7–10, 2025 – Schaumburg
Leadership Connections National Conference, Family Child Care Summit

■ IN-PERSON   ■ VIRTUAL

Note: Participants must be able to:
- Have computer access with audio and video capabilities
- Access the internet, including Zoom platform and McCormick Center Learning Management System (LMS)