

SB 1106: ***A Voice for Connecticut's*** ***Family Child Care Providers***

4,000 family providers care for children in their own homes—but **more than 1,000 licensed providers have left the profession** in the last decade. Senate Bill 1106, Establishment of the Department of Early Education and Child Development Act:

- ✓ *Establishes a Department of Early Education and Child Development, &*
- ✓ *Grants family child care providers a voice for quality care and learning.*

Currently, family child care providers are not covered by labor law. SB 1106 would give **providers the ability to negotiate over training, payment procedures, rates, and other conditions to improve children's learning.** This provision does not cover child care centers.

SB 1106 **does not make family child care providers state employees.** They would **not be eligible for state health and pension benefits, and would not have right to strike.** 7 other legislatures—Illinois, Washington, Oregon, Maryland, Wisconsin, New Mexico and Maine—have granted family child care providers collective bargaining.

With SB 1106, the **whole child care community benefits.** Child care centers have seen their rates rise in parallel with family child care providers. Bargaining has focused on stabilizing the profession through sustainable rates and improved access to training and professional development.

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