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COMMUNITY NEWS

Vanessa Freytag Announces Retirement

4C for Children announced that President and CEO Vanessa Freytag intends to retire in early summer 2025 after 10 years at the helm of the agency.

4C for Children has achieved a variety of notable achievements under Freytag's leadership, including but not limited to:

- 99% of childcare programs serving families who receive financial assistance for childcare attained a quality rating, and the number of high-quality programs doubled in the Southwest Ohio and Miami Valley regions.
- Over 140 childcare program startups were launched via support from the American Recovery Plan Act and private funders, resulting in more than 2,300 new childcare seats in classrooms across Southwest Ohio.
- The launch of an innovative program to attract new teachers to the early childhood education field and helped 170 candidates fill open positions at local childcare programs.

A team of transition management professionals will lead the search for a new CEO over the next six months.

Tax Season is Here—Get Free Help Through VITA

Filing taxes can be stressful, but you don't have to do it alone! If you earn $60,000 or less, have a disability, or need language assistance, you may qualify for free tax support through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Certified IRS volunteers provide eligible individuals with free basic tax return preparation and electronic filing.
In Greater Cincinnati, United Way's Free Tax Prep program—funded by the IRS—offers no-cost tax preparation services.
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PROVIDER NEWS

Preschool of the Month
CCDC FAMILY CHILDCARE LLC: Championing Healthy, High-Quality Childcare

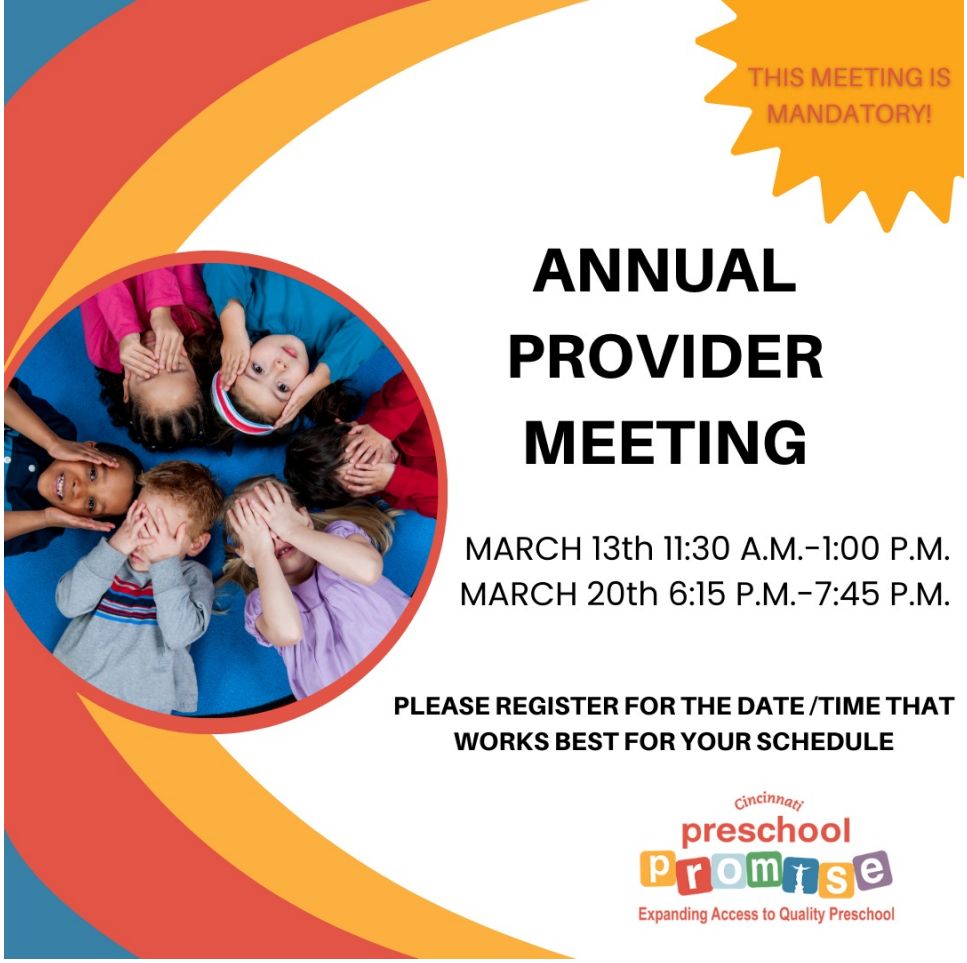
For over ten years, CCDC Family Childcare LLC (Complete Care Development Center), operated by Crystal Howard Scott from her home in Westwood, has set a remarkable standard for in-home childcare. As the first Type B Family Childcare Provider in Hamilton County to earn Ohio's prestigious Gold-Medal (formally 5 Star), on the Step Up To Quality rating system, CCDC Family Childcare LLC is no stranger to going above and beyond. Crystal is now a Type A Provider and has expanded to two additional center-based programs-Complete Development Center at 3557 Springdale Road and CCDC Learning Center located at 8178 Vine Street.

In 2016, Complete Care Development Center furthered its commitment to excellence by signing the WeTHRIVE! Child Care Resolution. Complete Care Development Center pledged to create a healthier environment for the children by adopting improved physical activity, screen time, and nutrition guidelines.

Complete Care Development Center remains focused on transforming its preschool menus into a hands-on learning experience for children and families. They introduced more whole grains and a wider variety of fruits and vegetables, replacing sugary snacks and cereals with healthier alternatives. "It was tough at first," Crystal, the CCDC Family Childcare LLC owner, admits. "CCDC Family Childcare LLC staff worked hard to get the kids to try the food; eventually, they embraced the changes." By involving our children in meal preparation, we encouraged them to explore new foods, helping them develop fine motor skills and learn numbers, sizes, shapes, and colors.

Beyond the program, CCDC Family Childcare LLC's owner actively engages with organizations like 4C for Children, Santa Maria Community Services' Strengthening Families Initiative, and the SEEK (Safe Environment for Every Kid) program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. These partnerships underscore CCDC Family Childcare LLC's dedication to excellence as an in-home childcare provider and passion for fostering healthy, thriving families.

Crystal Howard Scott is more than a Preschool Provider—her preschool is a role model for innovation and dedication in the childcare community.



REGISTER FOR MARCH 13TH HERE

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Eligibility Criteria:

- Be an eligible CPP Quality Improvement Provider
- Be in good standing with CPP Quality Improvement Provider
- Be Bronze Medal-rated (Former Unrated, 1 - 2 Star)

Staff Support Funds Can be used for:

- Offering retention, recruitment, or advancement bonuses
- Offsetting costs for health insurance
- Supplementing teachers' wages
- Paying for formal education in a degree-granting program in early childhood education (or directly related field) that is not already supported financially through other sources

Purpose:

The Staff Support Fund is intended to help preschool program owners and directors enrolled in CPP's Quality Improvement Program retain quality staff as they pursue a high-quality rating. Preschool programs will have access to $3,000 per lead teaching position in their center or family child care program.

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Teacher Promise Grant

TPG Cohort Update for Cohort 19 and Cohort 20

- Cohort 19: February 1st, 2024, -January 31, 2025
  - Special One Time Extension Period: Feb 1, 2025- June 30, 2025
- Cohort 20: May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025
  - Special One Time Extension Period: May 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Cohort 19 and Cohort 20 Participants will not be withdrawn from the program at the original grant termination date. Instead, you will enter a one-time extension period lasting until June 30, 2025. To be reconsidered for Teacher Promise Grants after that date, participants must re-apply. The next TPG application window runs from August 1, 2025 to August 25, 2025.

TPG Eligibility Criteria: For Lead Teachers at CPP Tuition Assistance Sites

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be employed full-time (35 hrs) as a Lead Preschool Teacher
- TA site must have a minimum of 10% CPP Student Preschool Enrollment
- Must be employed for six weeks at the time application
- Minimum Level 3 Career Pathways

To maintain eligibility for the Teacher Promise Grant sites must actively maintain preschool enrollment through Cincinnati Preschool Promise's Tuition Assistance program. Specifically, at least 10% of the site's preschool enrollment must consist of CPP students.

If a site no longer has any CPP-enrolled students, it will have 60 days to reestablish enrollment through the TA program. If enrollment is not restored within this timeframe, the Lead Preschool Teacher(s) at the site will no longer be able to participate in TPG.

For questions or further clarification, please contact Kenetra Mathis, Deputy Director, at Kmathis@cincy-promise.org.

Invite Your Families to Stay Connected!

Help the families you serve stay informed and engaged by inviting them to join the Cincinnati Preschool Promise Parent and Guardian Facebook Group! This exclusive group is a valuable resource for parents and guardians, providing:

- Up-to-date information on Cincinnati Preschool Promise programs and initiatives
- Fun activities to support learning at home
- Helpful resources for preschool readiness and beyond
- A supportive community of fellow families navigating the preschool journey

Encourage your families to join today so they never miss out on important updates and opportunities!

They can join here: Facebook Parent and Guardian Group

HELP US CELEBRATE A DEDICATED & DESERVING PROVIDER!

Submit your Provider of the Month nominations to: **tdelvalle@cincy-promise.org**

Provider Connection is an informative publication of news you can use. To submit accolades, **Provider spotlight nominations**, or interest in becoming an ambassador for CPP, contact CPP at marketing@cincy-promise.org

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