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CHEFA, ALL OUR KIN JOIN FORCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF FAMILY CHILD CARE IN CT

***'Our Educators Put Their All into Our Children ...
Now We Can Give Our All to Those Educators'***

(New Haven, CT) – Family child care educators across Connecticut will have more opportunities to create strong business practices and receive national recognition for their expertise, thanks to a partnership between leaders in public finance and philanthropy, and family child care.

Connecticut Health & Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) has committed to providing \$250,000 in Enterprise Capital philanthropic support in 2024-2025 so that All Our Kin, an organization that trains, supports and sustains home-based early childhood educators, can make its services accessible to many more providers, including those residing in the most rural parts of the state.

This includes expanding All Our Kin's proprietary Business Series, which ensures that providers are not only great educators, but also have the skills to ensure that their small businesses thrive. It would also provide support to family child care educators seeking national accreditation.

"CHEFA is proud to announce this transformative Enterprise Capital grant, allowing All Our Kin to expand programming and enhance its reach in childcare and early childhood education in Connecticut," said **Jeanette Weldon, Executive Director of CHEFA**. "This initiative underscores CHEFA's unique ability to address critical state needs with innovative and collaborative solutions that help ensure a brighter future for all of Connecticut's children and families."

"Educators put their all into our children," said **Jessica Sager, Co-Founder and CEO of All Our Kin**. "Thanks to this generous gift, now we can put our all into those educators. We have always been committed to free, bilingual services for home-based educators in Fairfield and New Haven counties. We couldn't be more excited to scale our programming and reach hundreds more educators spanning the entire state."

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All Our Kin endeavors to increase its impact by more than 300 percent, reaching 20,000 educators and 180,000 children nationwide by 2026. Connecticut, All Our Kin's headquarters and home state, is proof of concept for what is possible when family child care is valued, supported, and prioritized. Within a year of completing the organization's licensing or business programming, the majority of educators see earnings increase by \$5,000 or more and, on average, educators score 50 percent higher on research-based measures of quality.

All Our Kin has dedicated 25 years to building, refining and expanding its high-touch direct service model, which includes its Business Series, where educators learn everything from how to market their programs, how to handle their taxes, and how to draw up contracts for parents. Graduates of the Business Series can then be paired with a skilled All Our Kin business coach, supporting the ongoing growth and sustainability of their child care business.

At a time when child care is receiving unprecedented recognition at the state and federal level as being foundational to economic success and educational development, All Our Kin and CHEFA underscored that, to maximize the impact of their efforts, additional support is needed. [According to Connecticut Voices for Children](#), the state has seen a decline in the number of available child care slots over the last decade. This includes family child care: Connecticut had only 1,817 family child care homes in 2023, a 34 percent reduction since 2010.

"FCC educators are a primary source of care for infants and toddlers during those crucial early years of development," said Sager. "When we combine long-term public investment with innovative philanthropic strategies for child care educators, Connecticut's families win."

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All Our Kin is a national nonprofit organization that trains, supports and sustains family child care educators. Through All Our Kin's programming, educators build sustainable child care businesses, parents have access to stable, high-quality childcare, and children gain the educational foundation that lays the groundwork for success in school and life.

CHEFA is a quasi-public organization that provides access to tax-exempt financing, grants and other financial assistance to educational institutions, healthcare providers, childcare providers and other qualifying 501(c)(3) organizations. CHEFA has issued over \$24.6B in bonds since 1965 and awarded more than \$48M in grants since 2002. CHEFA is a self-supporting entity, receiving no state funds or taxpayer dollars.