



CHANGES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Since 1996 MSU Extension (MSUE) Michigan Better Kid Care has provided free professional development opportunities for early childhood professionals across the state of Michigan through several grant funded projects. However, due to the restructuring of professional development funding in Michigan the MSUE Michigan Better Kid Care program is no longer funded by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) to provide training at no cost to child care providers.

MSUE understands the importance of continued learning and education for early childhood professionals and will make every effort to continue to provide face-to-face for-fee training programs to assist child care providers in meeting licensing requirements for training hours and CEUs, CPR and First Aid, and on-going professional development. While we recognize that this is a significant change in our program, every effort has been made to keep the costs as low as possible.

When workshops are offered they will continue to be the high-quality workshops that you have come to expect from the MSUE Michigan Better Kid Care program and will include a variety of topics, contact hours and CEUs to meet a variety of professional development needs. We know you need and value the trainings provided by MSUE Michigan Better Kid Care and we hope that you will understand the need to offer these trainings on a fee-for-service basis.

If at some point we are able to provide free professional development opportunities we will notify providers and post the trainings on our statewide training calendar located at <http://www.bkc.fcs.msue.msu.edu/>. Thank you for your support of the MSUE Michigan Better Kid Care program.