



# Quality Improvement Network

Improving Early Learning Across Washington, DC

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is the state education agency for the District of Columbia (DC) and serves as the state-level grantee for the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant. OSSE leveraged the EHS-CCP grant to develop a neighborhood-based Quality Improvement Network (QIN) to build capacity, increase access and enhance the quality of care for infants and toddlers in the DC.

As the lead agency for this initiative, OSSE collaborates with other district child and family service agencies (DC Health, Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Health Care Finance, Department of Human Services and Child and Family Services Agency) to ensure effective service coordination and support for the children and families enrolled in the QIN.

OSSE is leveraging local, federal and private funding to provide quality, continuous, comprehensive services and training and technical assistance supports through a hub approach. OSSE provides funding to two agencies: United Planning Organization (UPO) and Easterseals to serve as hubs for 14 child development centers and 17 child development homes serving over 600 children. Using the Head Start Program Performance Standards and research-based best practices, these hubs employ professionals that provide support to directors, teachers, children and families enrolled in these child development centers and homes. This support includes coaching and comprehensive services for children and families – family engagement and support, health and nutrition, mental health and early intervention.

Children and families on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), in foster care, children experiencing homelessness and children with special needs receive the highest priority for QIN enrollment.



## BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT STAFF:

- Children receive nurturing and responsive caregiving;
- Families have access to family engagement specialists who support them in achieving their personal, family and career goals.
- Teachers receive coaching and additional support to advance their learning and improve their teaching practices; and
- Parents are decision-makers and leaders in the program.

Families interested in enrolling their child in a child development facility that participates in the QIN can contact **Jean Hodges** (centers) at [jhodges@upo.org](mailto:jhodges@upo.org) or (202) 238-4785 or **Dr. Nakeita McNeil-West** (homes) at [nwest@erhurleyassoc.com](mailto:nwest@erhurleyassoc.com) or (202) 813-8133.

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