Seattle Child Care Staff Retention Payments

For the third consecutive year, the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) is partnering with BrightSpark Early Learning Services (formerly Child Care Resources) to distribute up to $5.3 million in Seattle Child Care Staff Retention Payments funded by the Payroll Expense Tax. Payments will support staff retention for our critical, yet underpaid, child care workforce. Applications open mid-June.

The payment application will be structured such that child care programs or FCC licensees can apply and note the number of eligible staff to be funded. Awarded programs will pass along the funds to their employees based on criteria set forth in the application materials, to be released mid-June. To be eligible, child care programs must operate within Seattle boundaries (i.e., not simply have a Seattle mailing address). Staff are not required to live in Seattle.

Information Sessions
Hosted virtually between 6:30-7:45 pm:

- Tuesday, June 13 - English - https://childcare.zoom.us/j/87290826439
- Wednesday, June 14 - Spanish - https://childcare.zoom.us/j/84823979841
- Thursday, June 15 - Somali - https://childcare.zoom.us/j/81203585096

For questions, contact grants@childcare.org, or call BrightSpark's provider line at 1-800-446-1114, and select option 2.