



Anoka-Hennepin Schools
**CHILD CARE
COLLABORATIVE**

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

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WHAT is Anoka-Hennepin Schools Child Care Collaborative?

- FREE Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program for child care providers located within the Anoka-Hennepin school district boundaries.
- Provider is matched with an Anoka-Hennepin Schools licensed ECFE teacher.
- Provider and ECFE teacher work together to determine areas in which the provider would like more information, resources or support.
- Provider and ECFE teacher develop a plan to meet those needs.



WHY was the Child Care Collaborative created?

- Being a child care provider is HARD WORK!
- Providers often feel isolated with little support. Providers are caring for children with challenging behaviors.
- Working together strengthens alignment between providers and Anoka-Hennepin Schools so all children are ready for kindergarten.



HOW can we help?



- We will partner with you to listen, provide support, and help problem-solve any possible issues.
- We will work with you in person, online, or over the phone.
- Visits usually take place every two weeks, but we know you are busy so we will create a schedule that works best for you.

HOW can we help?

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- We will help in developing strategies for: challenging and disruptive behaviors, helping children identify and manage their emotions, and teaching school readiness skills.
- We will provide free resources to use with children: such as social stories, picture schedules, feelings charts and calming cards.

COMMON requests we hear from providers

- I need some help with behavior management.
- What exactly do I need to do to get these kids ready for kindergarten?
- How do I get these kids to clean up?
- I need some ideas that will work for my infants and my school age children.
- I am burned out. I love the kids, but I feel so isolated.
- I need some ideas for teaching math skills.



WHAT does a visit look like?

- Visit can vary depending on your needs.
- You may ask us to model a “circle time” with the children and work on a specific skill.
- You may ask us to observe your interactions with the group in order to get feedback or ideas.
- We may meet with you over naptime to discuss different ways to assess and communicate progress to parents.
- We may help you implement new strategies with your group, like ideas for transition times, introducing a calming corner, or re-teaching a clean up procedure.



I AM REALLY BUSY

The Child Care Collaborative is just one more thing



- The goal of the Child Care Collaborative is NOT to add paperwork or requirements; rather, we are here to help you meet the goals you have for your program.
- The Child Care Collaborative experience is designed to be a benefit, not a burden. We meet you where you are at!

SOUNDS okay, but what's the catch?



- We don't think there is a catch. For transparency purposes, this is what is expected of you:
- Complete an observation and/or self-assessment at the beginning and end of our time together.
- Maintain communication and collaboratively with your Child Care Collaborative teacher.
- Make efforts to implement new strategies and resources.
- Keep your scheduled visits and communicate timely with any changes.

I AM READY TO MOVE FORWARD

What's my next step?

- Visit our website - ahschools.us/ChildCareCollaborative to complete the free online application.
- Have more questions? 📞 763-506-6187

