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CCA For Social Good and the Bainum Family Foundation Launch Web Platform to Support Early Care and Education Professionals in Washington, D.C.

Early Childhood Share DC gives providers access to more than 1,200 practical resources that help deliver quality early care and learning.

Manchester, NH – The Bainum Family Foundation and CCA For Social Good, a division of CCA Global Partners, are excited to announce the launch of Early Childhood Share DC. This online platform provides early care and education (ECE) professionals in the District of Columbia access to a knowledge hub of customizable resources that support administrative and programmatic best practices in the operation of a high-quality early care and learning program.

“Early Childhood Share DC, developed through a partnership with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), is one major step forward in our efforts to improve early learning resources and outcomes in the District of Columbia. We are thrilled to see this come to fruition,” remarked Barbara Bainum, Chair of the Board, CEO and President for the Foundation. “This platform features an array of pragmatic tools and resources that help providers save time, reduce costs, increase quality and share knowledge, allowing them to remain focused on providing the highest quality of care to the children and families they serve.”

The site, www.ecsharedc.org, features comprehensive, state-specific resources including policies and procedures, program administration, training, and brand new toolkits to support high-quality child care initiatives such as the Child Care Development Block Grant and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

“The District of Columbia joins 24 states already leveraging the ECE knowledge hub to support the important work of practitioners and to strengthen quality,” stated Denise Sayer, Vice President of CCA For Social Good. “We are honored to serve the Washington, DC, ECE community and be able to provide communities the means to bring quality to scale.”

“As the state education agency for the District of Columbia, we are aware of the time constraints facing our early care and education leaders and are confident that the Early Childhood Share DC platform will help them save time by supporting easy access to resources vital to the operation of their business,” said Assistant State Superintendent Elizabeth Groginsky, who leads OSSE’s Division of Early Learning. “The shared resources on this platform will provide child development center directors and family child care home providers with valuable information to support high-quality care and education.”

The site was made available to all licensed providers in the District of Columbia as of Sept. 19, 2016.

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About CCA For Social Good

CCA For Social Good is an operating division of CCA Global Partners, a privately held cooperative that has supported small businesses for over 30 years. CCA For Social Good provides web-based platforms that help thousands of nonprofit organizations and early childhood education (ECE) centers manage the administrative aspect of their organizations. The platforms (integrated password-protected websites) deliver a set of powerful tools and shared resources resulting in more efficient and successful operations. CCA For Social Good puts time and money back in the hands of directors and managers of ECE programs, allowing them to focus where it matters most: on the children in their care. To view a sample platform, please visit www.ecesharedresources.com.

About the Bainum Family Foundation

The Bainum Family Foundation combines proven expertise with a passion for supporting the whole child by providing integrated services to help them thrive. Our circle of collaboration includes investments and support in early learning, wrap-around services and knowledge building. Founded in 1968 by Stewart and Jane Bainum, the Foundation has helped underserved children exit poverty through high-quality educational programs and services for 48 years. For more information, visit bainumfdn.org.

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