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Resource Material Kits for family child care providers



Get your family child care program up and running with our resource material kits.

Think Small, in partnership with Ramsey County, has been offering a variety of supports to create and sustain child care programs in Ramsey County.

The Ramsey County Early Childhood Academy provides services such as free training, business coaching, and has recently added resource material kits. These kits were designed to support educators in opening quality programs that serve their community. The four kits contain a variety of items that assist in successful program licensure and operation. Unique to existing grant and financial opportunities, the kits are noncompetitive and are not reimbursement based, meaning there are no upfront out-of-pocket costs to receive the kit. Educators are able to choose 2 of the 4 available Resource Material Kits.



Safety & Security Kit:

The safety and security kit provides a variety of materials to secure a new child care program and increase safe practices. The items included provide supervision aids, increased security, child-proofing equipment, emergency planning tools, child friendly safety resources, emergency equipment, and much more.



Education Kit:

The education kit includes curriculum along with the accompanying teaching resources, an early childhood guide for educators, a diverse children's library, educator resources, and educational environment materials. This kit was designed to help folks set up a rich educational environment and provide the tools and resources to help children thrive.



Technology Kit:

The technology kit was designed to provide educators with the tools they'll need to operate a successful business and complete the tasks that require technology. This kit allows educators to use these vital office tools to access the internet, complete online trainings, communicate with families and licensing, and print learning materials and licensing forms.



Business Kit:

The business kit starts educators off on the right foot in their first year of operation by providing vital tools to run their business and make educated decisions that lead to success. This kit includes a tool to manage families and billing, tools and trainings to increase business knowledge and best practices, and a membership + gift card to Costco (a membership-based wholesale shopping warehouse for buying in bulk).