

# 2-K Launch

## Guidance for Individual Family Child Care Providers

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As NYCPS begins 2-K expansion in select districts for fall 2026, individual Family Child Care (FCC) providers play an important role in strengthening access for families. This document outlines how FCC providers can participate in 2-K and what to expect moving forward.

### **2-K will launch in the following communities for fall 2026:**

- **School District 6:** Washington Heights, Inwood and Hamilton Heights
- **School District 10:** Fordham, Belmont, Norwood, Morris Heights, Van Cortlandt Village and Kingsbridge
- **School Districts 18 and 23:** Canarsie, Remsen Village, Brownsville and Ocean Hill
- **School District 27:** Ozone Park, South Ozone Park, Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, Howard Beach and the Rockaways

These districts were identified through a data-informed process considering community need, projected family demand, access gaps in publicly funded care, and provider readiness. Additional districts will be announced as expansion continues. Additional communities will be selected to offer 2-K in fall 2027 as the program expands, with universal access citywide by fall 2029.

### **The Role of Family Child Care Networks (FCCNs)**

Family Child Care Networks (FCCNs) are operated by independent, community-based organizations that partner with NYC Public Schools (NYCPS) to support licensed (Group Family Day Care) and registered (Family Day Care) providers across New York City.

Networks work collaboratively with affiliated FCC programs to provide:

- Professional learning opportunities that support licensing and education requirements
- Coaching and curriculum support for mixed-age group settings
- Guidance to ensure DOHMH health and safety standards are met
- Outreach and enrollment support
- Administrative assistance and family engagement support

Networks support affiliated programs in serving infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, including 2-K and 3-K. NYCPS primarily works through Networks to expand access to NYCPS-funded services for FCC providers and to provide on-the-ground support that is culturally responsive and tailored to providers' needs.

## Participation Pathways for 2-K for FCCs

### **If you applied to offer 2-K services through the recent Request for Information (RFI):**

Through the RFI, NYCPS may award new Family Child Care Network contracts to eligible applicants, including GFDCs; however, no direct contracts to GFDCs or FDCs will be made through this process. Applicants will receive direct communication from NYCPS regarding next steps. Participation in the RFI does not represent a final determination, and providers will move through additional review and readiness steps before any approvals are made.

### **If you are interested in offering 2-K services through a Network:**

The primary pathway for FCC providers to participate in 2-K is through affiliation with a Family Child Care Network. Providers located in one of the communities targeted for expansion (Districts 6, 10, 18, 23, and 27) who are interested in offering publicly funded seats should begin exploring affiliation with a Network serving their neighborhood. Affiliation may also create opportunities to offer 3-K and other NYCPS-funded services. As part of 2-K expansion, new Networks may be established and existing Networks may have additional capacity to affiliate with providers. Additional information will be shared as Network capacity and next steps are confirmed.

### **If you are already affiliated with a Network and are interested in offering 2-K services:**

Please contact your Network directly to discuss potential opportunities to add 2-K services for this fall. Your Network may not yet have confirmation of 2-K capacity; however, you may wish to begin conversations now about the services you are interested in offering.

## What to Expect in the Affiliation Process

While processes may evolve as 2-K expands, affiliation generally includes:

- Contacting a [Family Child Care Network](#) to express interest
- A program visit to review readiness and health and safety practices
- Submission of required documentation and background information
- NYCPS review and approval

Additional guidance on affiliation is available on the [NYCPS Family Child Care webpage](#).

## How to Learn More

NYCPS will host information sessions for individual FCC providers, with a focus on those located in the initial 2-K districts. These sessions will provide an overview of the affiliation process, what it means to offer 2-K services, and information about Networks serving providers in your community. Sessions will also cover key considerations and next steps.

Information sessions will be held in March and April 2026. Additional details, including dates and registration information, will be shared soon. Providers may sign up to receive updates and information about upcoming sessions [here](#).

NYCPS is committed to supporting family child care providers as valued partners. For questions, reach out to [ECExpansion@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ECExpansion@schools.nyc.gov).