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## ACTION FOR CHILDREN LAUNCHES TWO NEW PROGRAMS FOR CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS

COLUMBUS, Ohio: Action for Children launched two new programs for child care owners and administrators on January 10th, 2023. Both programs are designed to meet the current business, operational, and networking needs of child care professionals, and offer unique opportunities for both home-based and center-based educators.

Through The BOSS, all licensed central Ohio child care professionals will have access to specialized business consultations, free courses in marketing, human resources, legal compliance, and operations, as well as additional tools to help licensed child care owners and administrators gain skills and knowledge to fully manage their businesses.

The Village, the first Staffed Family Child Care Network (SFCCN) launched in Ohio, focuses on bringing together leaders in Family Child Care and offers home-based child care owners individualized coaching, program mentorships, networking events, free professional development, and annual funds for program materials.

Through each of these programs, Action for Children is providing child care professionals with access to free tools and support to run efficient, profitable, and stable enterprises that continue to positively impact Ohio's youngest learners.

"Running a child care business isn't easy. There are long hours, hoops and hurdles, and plenty of hard days. But through it all, child care professionals have remained committed to supporting families and young children and to giving them the tools they need to thrive." said Dr. Katherine Glenn-Applegate, Director of the Child Care and Education Initiatives department at Action for Children. "Our goal has always been to do the same for the essential professionals at the heart of child care."

To learn more about each program, visit <u>https://www.actionforchildren.org/BOSS</u> and <u>https://www.actionforchildren.org/Village</u>. Funding for these programs was made possible by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Action for Children's generous donors.

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