This Innovative Community Partnership is a big win for both participants and the community. The program, which began in August, is designed to pave a career path for the participants while increasing the amount of high-quality child care that’s available. This year-long program is helping Canton residents start their own family child care business.

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Let’s take a look at the participant spotlight:

**Participant Spotlight: Sharrell**

Sharrell isn’t a mom, she’s taught dance and art for years and is an artist herself. The mother of one of Sharrell’s dance students suggested she consider early childhood after seeing her daughter gain confidence through Sharrell’s teaching. She loves learning educational theory and terminology; she’s already starting to see the bigger picture of how children’s brains develop. She’s finding it helpful to learn about how children acquire knowledge; she didn’t expect the process to be so complex. Sharrell can’t wait to learn about the differences between scheduling and lesson planning, and about how a curriculum can help keep children on track. She’s also looking forward to using the arts to help the children in her care explore their feelings and abilities.