



# Department of Development Partner Highlight

## Early Childhood Resource Center

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.

**\$40** thousand  
in Community Development  
Block Grant Funds

**Creating Jobs  
& Providing  
Quality  
Child Care**



### These 7 Participants...

**7**

The Early Childhood Resource Center worked with the Stark County Department of Job and Family Services to identify seven participants.

- Have passed a background check.
- Are interested in early childhood careers.
- Own or rent a single-family home.

Early Childhood Specialists are helping participants earn the childhood Development Associate credential, while helping them become licensed to provide in-home care for up to 6 children.

**Step Up to Quality  
child care rating system**



Participants have the potential to earn a **\$40,000 income with 5 children.**

The higher the rating, the more money participants receive.

### Participant Spotlight: Sharrell

While Sharell isn't a mom, she's taught dance and art for years and is an artist herself. The mother of one of Sharell's dance students suggested she consider early childhood after seeing her daughter gain confidence through Sharell'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. Sharell 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.



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