

Mississippi State Extension Service – Family, Friend & Neighbor Care (Formerly Nurturing Homes Initiative)

The Excel By 5 requirement requires that the community contact Family, Friend & Neighbor Care staff and determine if there are in-home providers participating. If so, Family, Friend & Neighbor Care will contact them and invite them to participate with the local coalition in their events and trainings. Once the coalition received confirmation of or that there are no participants, please retain the correspondence supporting the outcome and this requirement will be considered complete.

NOTE: While not required, we would encourage the community to identify in-home providers and encouraged them to contact FFN Care and become part of their initiative.

The following information was obtained from the Mississippi State University MSUCares.com web site at <http://earlyyearsnetwork.msucares.com/home-providers>.

For more information please contact:
Family, Friend & Neighbor Care Staff
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Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care is a program designed to provide educational technical assistance and support to providers caring for children in their home full-time and year round. The Early Years Network also includes a Quality Rating and Improvement System that helps providers earn star ratings while increasing the quality of care in their programs.

Benefits of the Family, Friend, and Neighbor program provided through the EYN include:

- Technical Assistance
- Educational Materials
- Safety Training
- Business Administration Scale (BAS)
- Credentialing Development Opportunities
- Professional Association
- Quality Rating and Improvement System