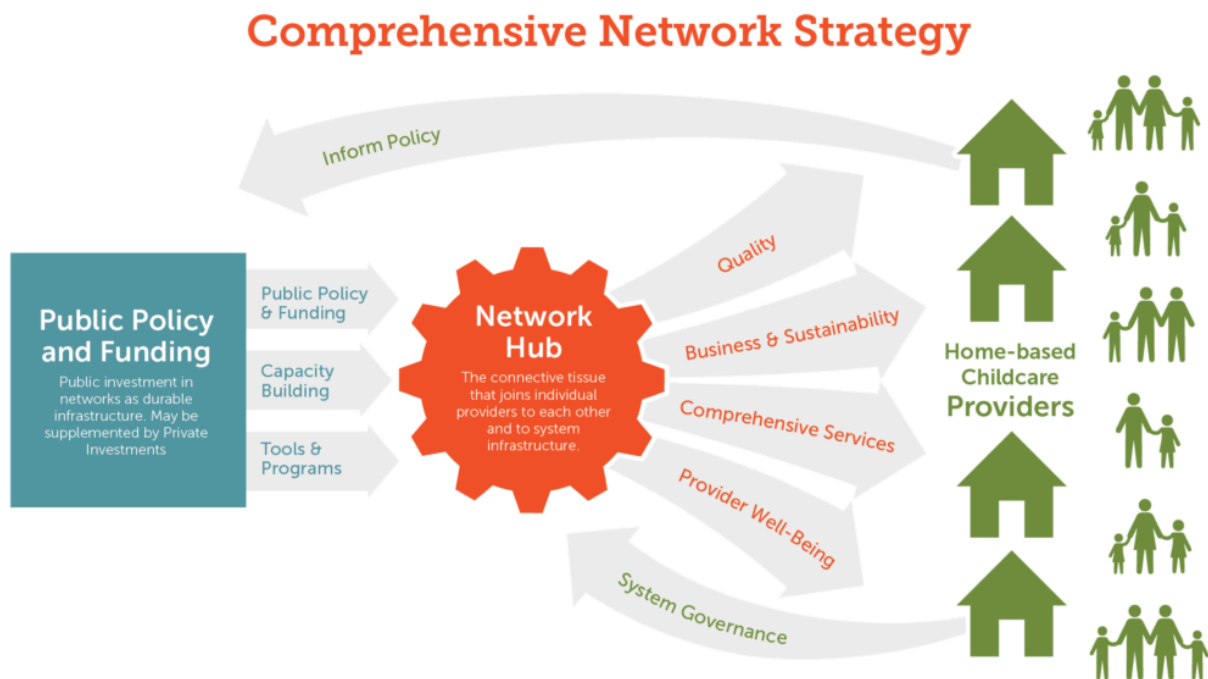




Building Comprehensive Networks Initiative

Home Grown will be accepting applications for the third cohort of our **Building Comprehensive Networks Initiative**. The [Building Comprehensive Networks](#) initiative seeks to support state and local governments and their partners as they build or expand upon publicly-financed comprehensive networks to support home-based child care (HBCC) providers. Comprehensive networks are the connective tissue that joins individual HBCC providers to each other and to system infrastructure, including funding and policy. Regardless of the entity type, comprehensive networks are durable infrastructure that are positioned to tackle the big issues facing our home-based child care sector: quality; sustainability; provider well-being; and connecting providers and families to additional services.



Overview of the Building Comprehensive Networks Initiative

Benefits: government partners participating in the Home Grown initiative are eligible for:

- Flexible planning grants of \$20,000 to support implementation planning
- Support of an expert Planning Navigator from Home Grown
- Monthly Learning Community with fellow states and local government agencies on topics including: the [Network Benchmarks and Indicators](#), provider leadership &

leadership team; theory of change; comprehensive network hub structure/model; programs & tools; evaluation.

- Access to guidance documents and resources, including implementation plans, compendium of programs and tools, evaluation toolkit, and more.
- Upon successful completion of the planning period, opportunity to apply for additional implementation funds.

Timeline

- November- December, 2023: information sessions to help government agencies and partners assess whether this initiative is a fit for them and determine if they wish to apply and participate.
 - Please register for and attend one of the following:
 - [Wednesday, November 15th, 11:00am-12:00 pm Eastern](#)
 - [Friday, December 1st, 12:00-1:00pm Eastern](#)
 - Participants will receive an application after attending an information session
- January 15, 2024: applications due to Home Grown
- February 5, 2024: partner selection announced
- March 1, 2024: signed MOUs due; receipt of \$20,000 planning grant upon signature
- March-October 2024: implementation planning; support from Planning Navigators; Learning Community meetings
- November 2024: submit application to Home Grown for implementation funds (up to \$75,000 per year for two years)
- January 2025- December 2026: implementation period (contingent on approval)

Interested to learn more?

Register for one of the information sessions: [November 15th](#) or [December 1st](#).

Or email karen@homegrownchildcare.org with any questions.