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News from the Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund



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Happy Holidays from All of Us at LISC!

Happy Holidays to you and yours! This season is a time for reflecting—on the accomplishments of the year gone by, and on our hopes for the year to come. Some of the highlights of our year include:

- Providing over **\$80K** in funding to the early childhood community for facility improvements
- Hosting the National Recreation and Parks Association **Certified Playground Safety Course**
- Adding a new module to our **Online Learning Platform**
- Continuing our **Outdoor Play Interventions Program** for the second year, focusing on small-scale improvements to outdoor play spaces
- Spending nearly **1,100** hours with child care centers needing specialized technical assistance

- Advocating for child care and early learning at both the national and local level - even being part of a national early childhood initiative helping to develop an [Early Learning Facilities Policy Framework](#)

Thank you to all the wonderful partners, funders, and friends who make our work possible. And here's to a prosperous and happy New Year! We look forward to our continued partnership.

Coming to You in the New Year

As we look ahead to 2019 we are hopeful for new opportunities to help support early learning centers in Rhode Island, including:

- New training offerings, with a greater focus on the Environmental Rating Scale (ERS) and other quality indicators related to space
- A new online module, set to release in early 2019, focusing on *Equipping and Furnishing Child Care Spaces*

Learn More about our Training Here

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from all of us at the Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund!

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About RICCELFF

The Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund (RICCELFF) is an innovative public-private partnership dedicated to expanding access to quality child care and early education opportunities throughout Rhode Island. The RICCELFF provides the capital and technical expertise that child care and early learning centers need to improve the quality and capacity of their physical space. The RICCELFF provides a combination of training, technical assistance, grant funding and flexible, affordable financing for a wide range of indoor and outdoor projects including minor renovations or construction of new, state-of-the-art facilities and playground spaces. [Click here](#) to learn more about what the RICCELFF can offer your program.

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