



MONTANA CHILD CARE BUSINESS
CONNECT

Small Business Support. Big Community Impact.



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Montana Child Care Business Connect

What is the Business Mentorship Program?

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Part 1 of 7 in the Tiny Training Series



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Tiny Training

Webinar Series

Micro-learning for the busy business owner

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Around Child Care Solutions 

2 hours ECP credit available for those who attend a minimum of 4 of the 7 offerings

What is: **CONNECT**

Launched in:

2022

Focusing on:

Supporting communities and entrepreneurs with business elements of starting, owning and operating childcare programs. We are Montana statewide hub for childcare business development and innovation

Critical Areas:

Training, Technical Assistance, Mentorship, Community Capacity Building, Web-Resource Hub

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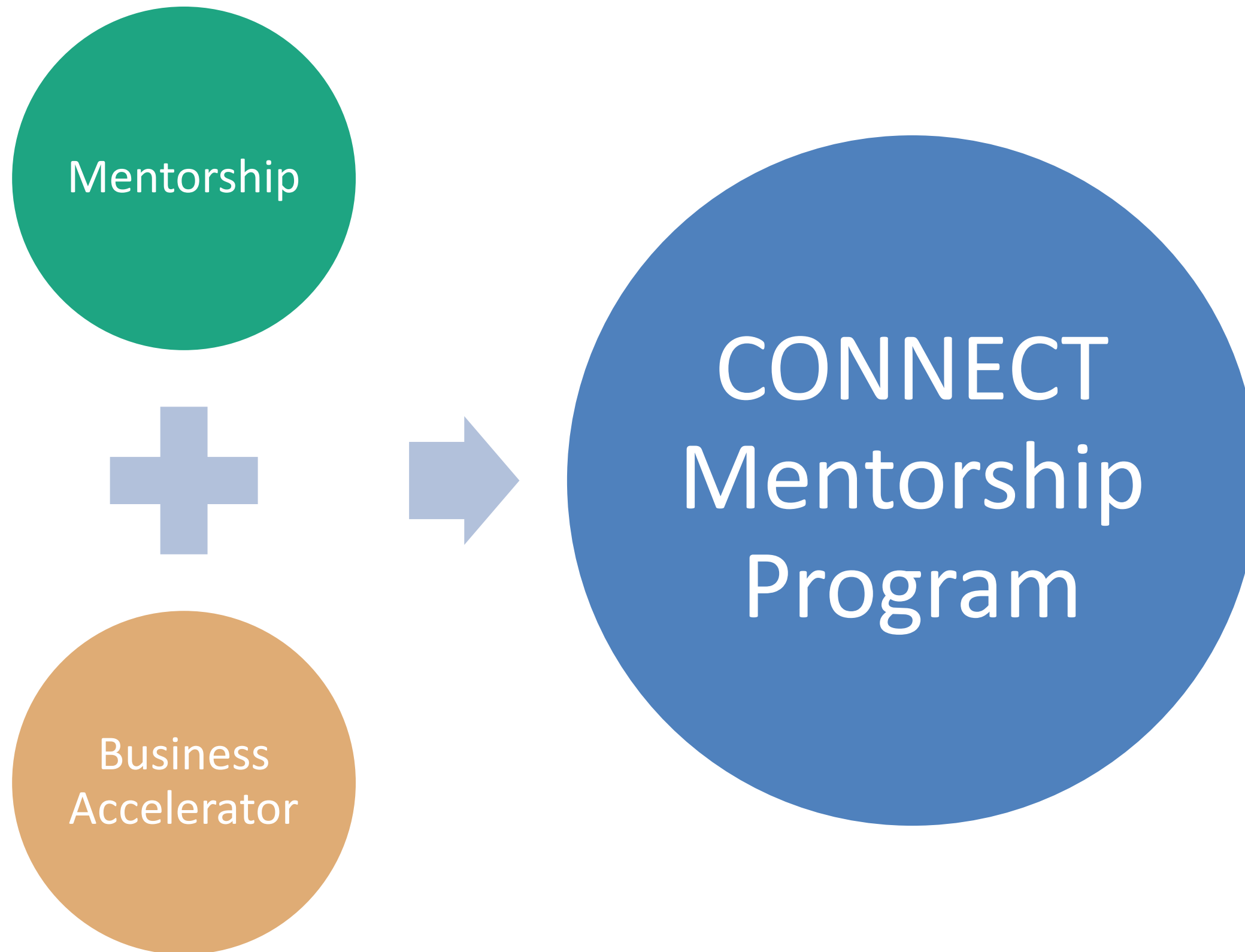


Goals for Today

- I. Explain the MCCBC Business Mentorship
- II. Review Application & Selection Process
- III. Address Program Questions



What is the Program?




Who Should Participate?

Mentor

- Experience owning and operating a business
 - Childcare ideal, but not required
- Able to dedicate 4-5 hours per month to the program for a 12-month period

Protege

- Starting a new childcare business
 - Planning Stages
 - About to open/Just opened
 - First 12 months of operations
- **OR**
- Substantially expanding an existing business
 - Growing from family/group to center
 - Adding a second site 
 - Significant increase in enrollment



PROGRAM STRUCTURE

CONNECT Mentorship is Not....

Classroom Skills



CCR&R

Struggling Businesses



CONNECT T&TA

Employee Training



ECP
CCR&R



Live Kickoff!

May 2-3, 2023
Billings, Montana





Mentor Meetings



- At least 1x monthly
- Remote or in-person
- Goals and Business Documents



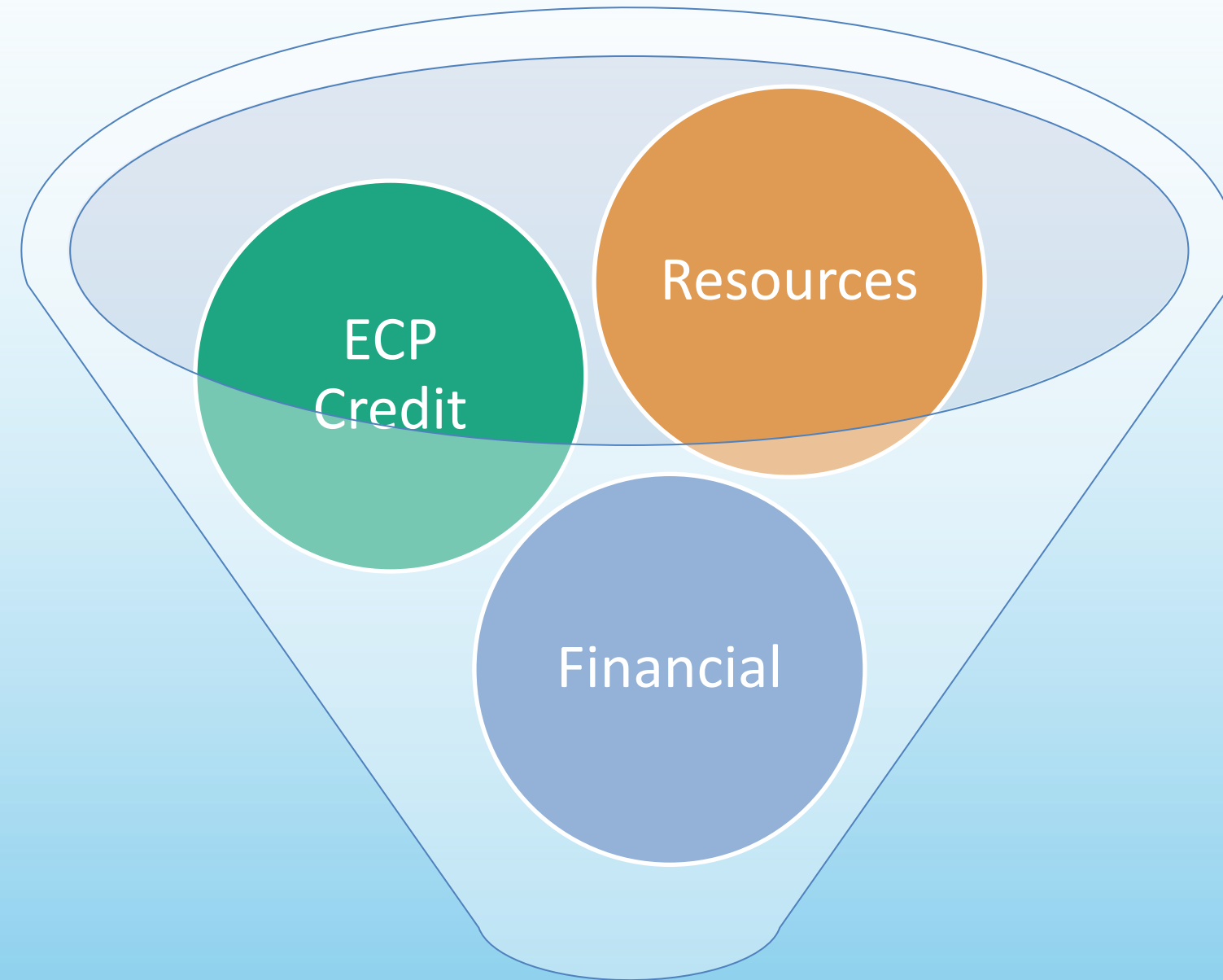
In Person Gatherings



- Live Kickoff – May 2023
- Industry Convening – September 2023
- Celebration – April 2024



Incentives



YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE



Application Process



PROTEGE APPLICATION

Please attach a current resume to this application.
Include a draft business plan if you have one, or other concept documents. These items will be kept confidential.
Email all complete applications and documents to connect@zerotofive.org

Name:	Email:
Address:	Phone:
City/Zip Code:	County:

1. Describe your licensed/registered child care business concept, including current stage of development.



MENTOR APPLICATION

Please attach a current resume to this application.
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Email:	Affiliation:
Phone:	
County:	

business start-up and operations.

2. Describe your background in or experience with licensed/registered child care or early childhood services.



**Deadline:
April 10, 2023**

connect@zerotofive.org

Where Can I Learn More?

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Business Accelerator Mentorship Program
ChildCareBusinessConnect.com



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Important info: Applications will close April 10!

Email all complete applications and documents to: connect@zerotofive.org

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

[Protege Application >](#)

[Mentor Application >](#)

[FAQ](#)



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Coming Up:



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Past Recordings Available At:

[On-Demand Webinars: ChildCareBusinessConnect.com](http://ChildCareBusinessConnect.com)



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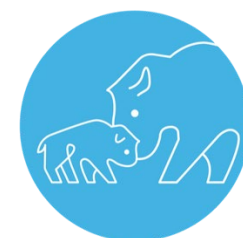
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How'd We Do?

