

# FACT SHEET

## Overview of State Initiatives

### ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT

- Decide if the topic for your region is important to your service
- Join 10 other services in your region to explore this topic using an action research process of 'think-do-think.'
- Have the opportunity to take your service and community on a journey to together to investigate a question that you would like to explore
- Have a mentor and a facilitator to support your action research process as you learn, network, think and do.

### SUPPORT AND ADVICE WITH THE QA SYSTEM

- Telephone support, resources provided & service visits for services that were unsuccessful
- Regionally based sessions as need arises
- Regular service type specific discussion groups across the state

### RESOURCES TO USE IN YOUR SERVICE

A number of resources are being developed:

- Social and emotional early development (SEEDS) resource—an in-service manual: Directors, come along to the professional development and then go back and deliver the session in your service!
- Practical hands on Workplace Health and Safety Audit Tools
- A manual for new directors and coordinators including information on administration, financial administration, leadership, meeting legislative requirements and supporting the staff team
- A hands on nutrition and food handling learning package for individuals to use in service

### A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR OWN IN SERVICE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Target child care services can apply for a financial contribution to organise their own in service professional development.
- The statewide program will be made available to services through two funding rounds.

### BE SUPPORTED TO VISIT OTHER SERVICES AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- Child care professionals from any target service can visit another target service for a period of up to a week.
- This program is only relevant to you if your regional PSN chooses to allocate part of their budget to completing exchanges. Regional budgets may be limited.
- There is potential for funding towards travel and accommodation to be supplied.

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