

# ZAENTZ FAMILY CHILD CARE INNOVATION NETWORKS AWARD

*CULTIVATING COMMUNITIES OF  
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## 2021 AWARDEES

This award is designed to highlight and strengthen the kinds of professional networks and reflective, collaborative activities that have been proven to enhance educators' job satisfaction, wellbeing, and the quality of their practice. The makeup of this year's list of awardees is a testament to the diversity and commitment of providers across the field. Collectively, the 12 winning groups serve children and families in a broad range of communities, from the Quabbin and Fitchburg areas to metropolitan Boston and Martha's Vineyard. They speak many languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole, among others. Among the winners are providers who are new to the field and many who have been serving for decades, including a few who have been educating and caring for children for over 30 years.

### **The 2021 awardees include:**

Samira Abidi, Small Smiles Childcare, Melrose  
Naoual Karama, SunShine Daycare, Everett  
Ghizlane Nejmi, First Steps Childcare, Everett

Sarah Besse, Boston Outdoor Preschool Network, Boston  
Anne Berardi, Berardi Family Farm Childcare, Georgetown  
Inga Yaghubyan, Raising Stars, Dedham  
Hasmik Davtyan, Ashland  
Maria Luti, The Montessori Home School, Stoneham

Housna Chliah, Wissal's Playhouse Daycare, Revere  
Malika Douane, Iri Family Childcare, Revere  
Fatiha Elbacha, Sky Birds Daycare, Revere

Denise M. Fay, Denise's Family Child Care, Holbrook  
Dorine Curtis, The Tot Lot, Holbrook  
Jeannie Johnson, Jeannie's Family Child Care, Holbrook

## **Family Child Care Innovation Network Awardees (Continued)**

Katey Grossman, Franklin

Debbie Seale, Waltham

Jasmin Torres, Caring for Cubs Academy, Whitman

Wendy Buzzell, Southborough

Kathy D'Agostino, Watertown

Joanne Lambert, Wee Play Child Care, Oak Bluffs

Nancy Salon, West Tisbury

Natalie DeHaro, Homegrown Edgartown Child Care, Edgartown

Beth Healy, Vineyard Haven

Sophie Stone, Sophie's Child Care, West Tisbury

Donna Creighton, Children's Haven Family Preschool, Vineyard Haven

Mary Johnson, Edgartown

Linda Coito, Vineyard Haven

Luciana Almeida, Daycare a Tia Lu, Edgartown

Sandra Rosa, Play & Learn Home Child Care, Edgartown

Marites MacLean, Fitchburg

Angelica Lacourse, Fitchburg

Adela Cintron, Fitchburg

Gretchen Rodriguez, Fitchburg

Sr. Marie-Julie Seguin, Mother Clarac Daycare, West Roxbury

Christine Bortolotto, West Roxbury

Elaine Tutein, Little Tree House Family Childcare, Roslindale

Luz Taborda, My Jardin Family Child Care, Revere

Sandra Taborda, Bella Luz Family Child Care, Revere

Luz Atehortua, Sonrisitas Family Child Care, Revere

Kiyana Taylor, Kiyana Taylor Family Child Care, Everett

Tejinder Kaur Banwait, Everett

Carolle Severe, Kids Place Child Care, Lynnfield

Lilian Vega, Wendy's Family Child Care, Revere

Elizabeth Vigo, Copito de Nieve, Lynn

Maria B. Lopez, Mundo Infantil Family Child Care, Everett

## **Family Child Care Innovation Network Awardees (Continued)**

Kim Warrington, Kim's Kid Kare FCC & Preschool, Athol

Tracy Hamlett, Little Feet FCC, Orange

Laurie Smith, Pre-K-Kidz, Athol

Melissa Lafountain, Precious Memories Childcare, Athol

Tina Sevigny, Winchendon

Kathy Girgenti, Athol

Crystal Wilder, Little Frogs Childcare and Preschool, Athol

Karen Whitman, Orange

Susan Rocheleau, Winchendon

Angela Cucchiara, Petersham

Nikki Adams, Winchendon

Joyce Nelson, Athol

Kerri Sayarath, Athol