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1 Appropriation; Minnesota initiative foundations. Appropriates \$1,500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2016 for grants to Minnesota initiative foundations. Funds made available under this grant program must be used to:

- facilitate planning in rural communities for community action plans to sustain and increase the supply of quality child care in the region to support economic development;
- engage the private sector to invest locally to support the community action plan and ensure that child care is a vital component of regional economic development planning processes;
- provide small business development resources, training and technical assistance to rural child care business owners through a learning cohort. Provides that access to financial and business development assistance should prepare child care businesses for quality engagement and improvement by stabilizing operations, leveraging funding from other sources, and fostering business skills that allow child care businesses to plan for and afford the cost of quality; and
- recruit child care programs to participate in Parent Aware by providing resources to encourage participation. Initiative foundations must work with local partners to provide low-cost training, professional development opportunities, and curriculum and must finance, through local partners, an enhanced level of coaching to rural child

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care providers to obtain a Parent Aware quality rating. Parent Aware is a quality and improvement rating system.