**Section 50.1170 Qualified Partners**

a) The Department may enter into grant agreements or contracts with Qualified Partners, as defined in 14 Ill. Adm. Code 690.20, to implement the Program. The Department may award grants to Qualified Partners to provide awards to eligible child care providers or contract with Qualified Partners to secure services to implement the Program.

b) An agreement with a Qualified Partner shall specify the Qualified Partner’s responsibility, if any, for determining child care provider eligibility to receive an award and for monitoring participants for compliance with program requirements.

c) Nothing in this Part shall restrict the Department from securing services from entities other than Qualified Partners to assist in implementing the Program.

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