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## **MetroAction Accepting Applications for Childcare Micro-Grant Program**

**SCRANTON, PA, March 8, 2007**— MetroAction, Inc. is accepting applications for the Childcare Micro-Grant Program. As part of MetroAction’s initiative to improve the quality of affordable childcare in northeastern Pennsylvania, MetroAction will award five \$500 “Micro-Grants” to childcare providers in Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties. The Micro-Grants can be used for projects that will improve the quality of childcare.

In 2006, Children’s Palace, Halstead and Angela’s Child Development, Stroudsburg received awards from this program. Both organizations used the funds to expand their infant care programs.

MetroAction, Inc., the community development arm of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, provides financing, training, and development services to support start-up and expanding small businesses in Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties. MetroAction has helped 150 entrepreneurs, which includes childcare providers obtain more than \$2 million in financing.

“Since our inception, MetroAction has made its primary goal to be the continued success of small, locally owned businesses in northeastern Pennsylvania,” stated MetroAction’s president, Philip Condron. He elaborates, “Through a variety of programs and services, including our Childcare Micro-Grant program, we are able to assist small business owners in keeping their doors open and continuing the entrepreneurial spirit that our region is known for.”

Micro-Grant applications must be received by 4:00 PM on March 30, 2007. For more information, or to request an application, please contact Desiree Ranella at 570.342.7711 or at dranella@scrantonchamber.com. For more information on MetroAction’s programs visit [www.MetroAction.org](http://www.MetroAction.org).

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