



**SPARK**

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LEARNING LAB

# Introducing SPARK Learning Lab!

SPARK CHANGE.

SPARK IMPROVEMENT.

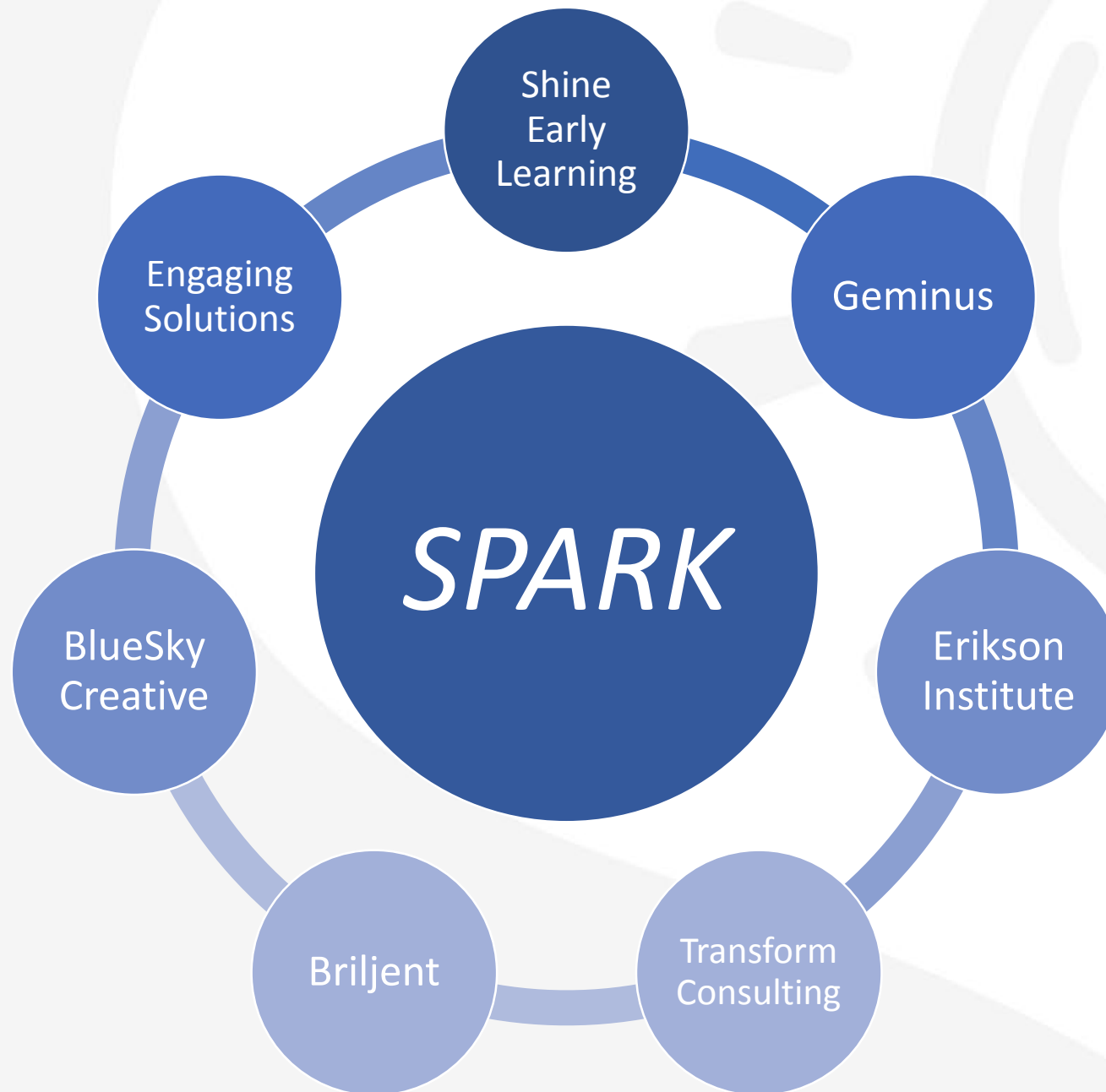
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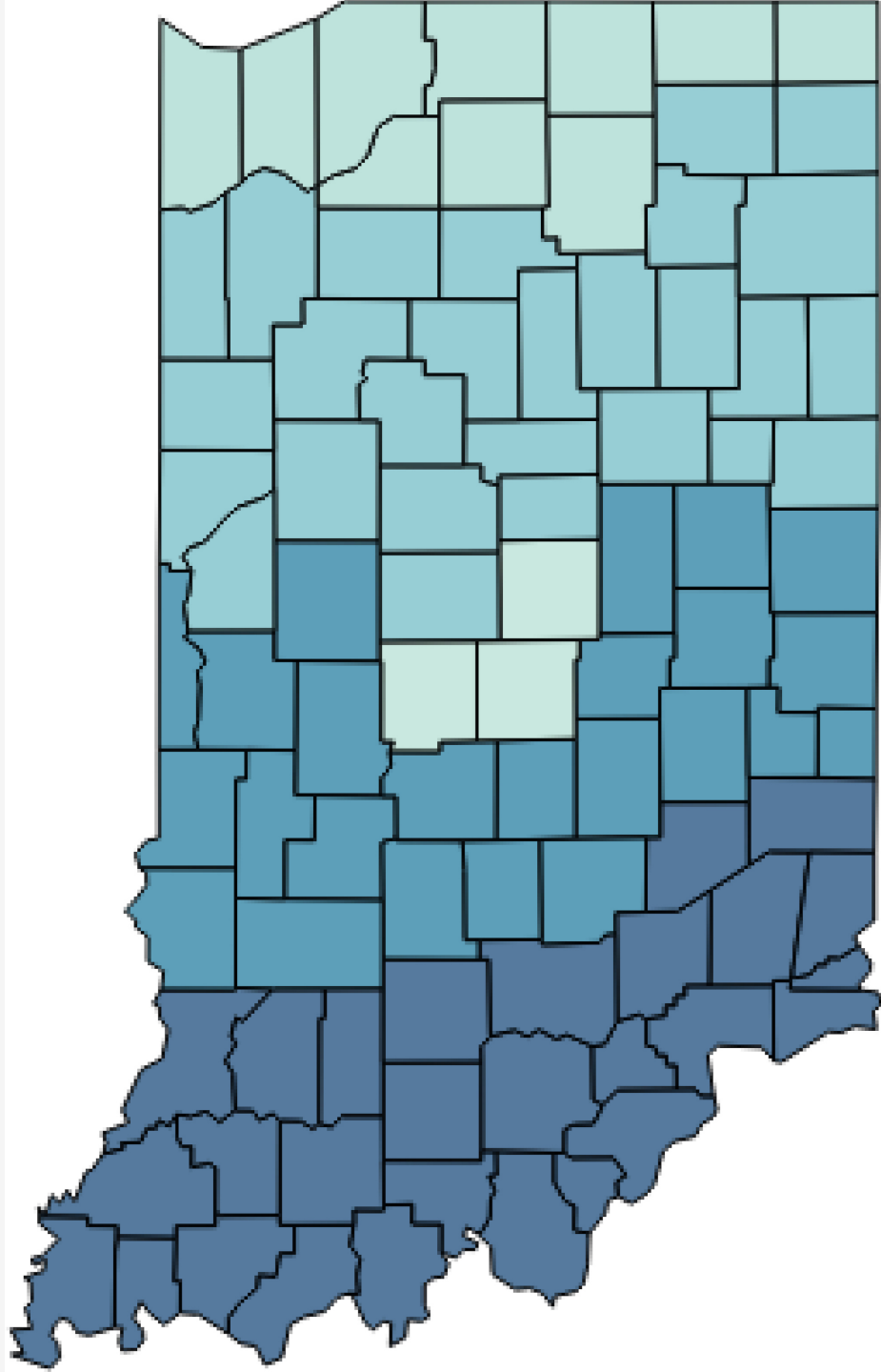


**Self  
Performance  
Assessment,  
Resources &  
Knowledge**

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# Service Delivery Areas (SDA)

# SPARK in Action



Coaches



Content specialists



Web-based resources



In-person Trainings



Digital learning



Professional learning communities

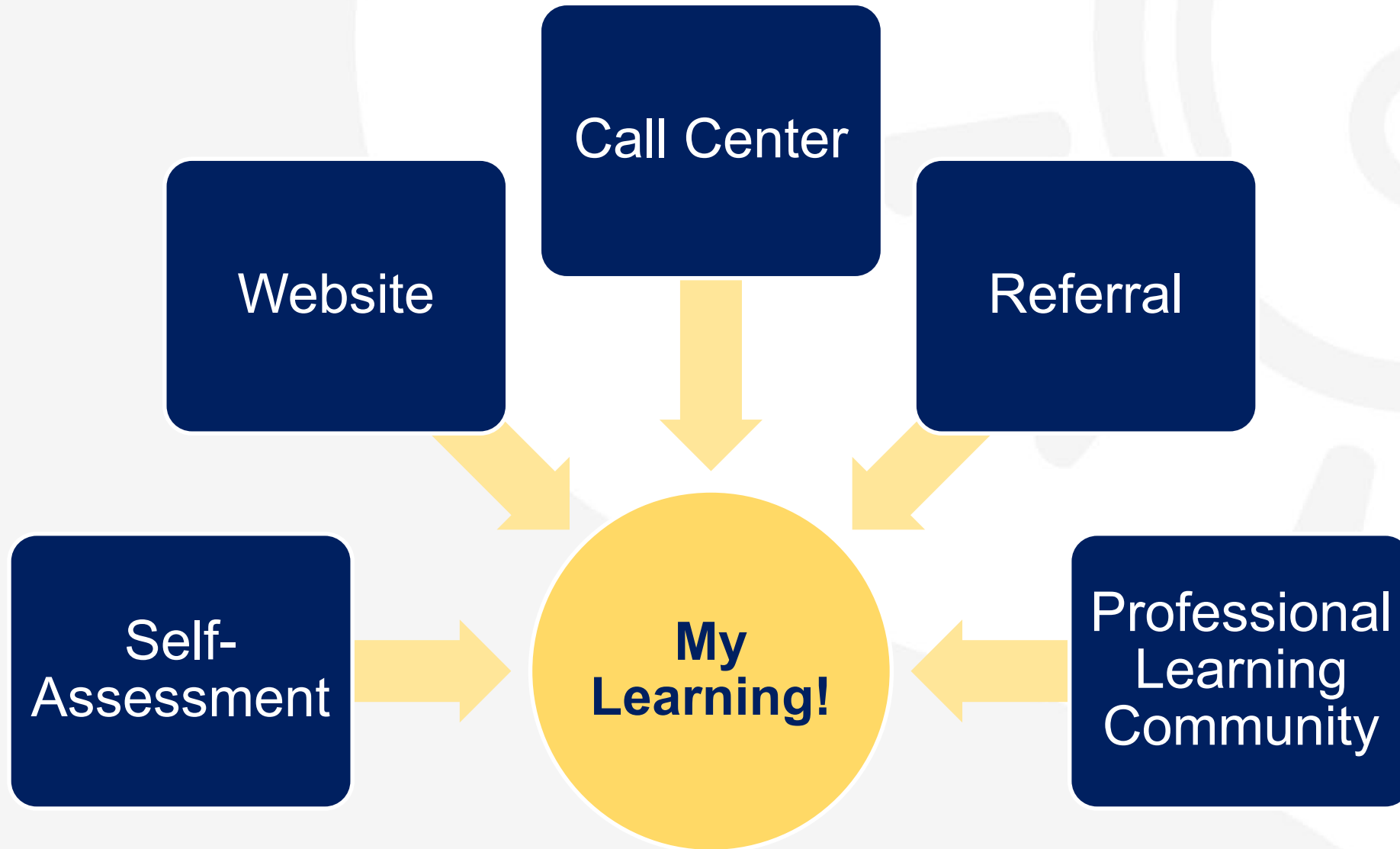


Cohort learning opportunities



Call Center

# Access your Learning



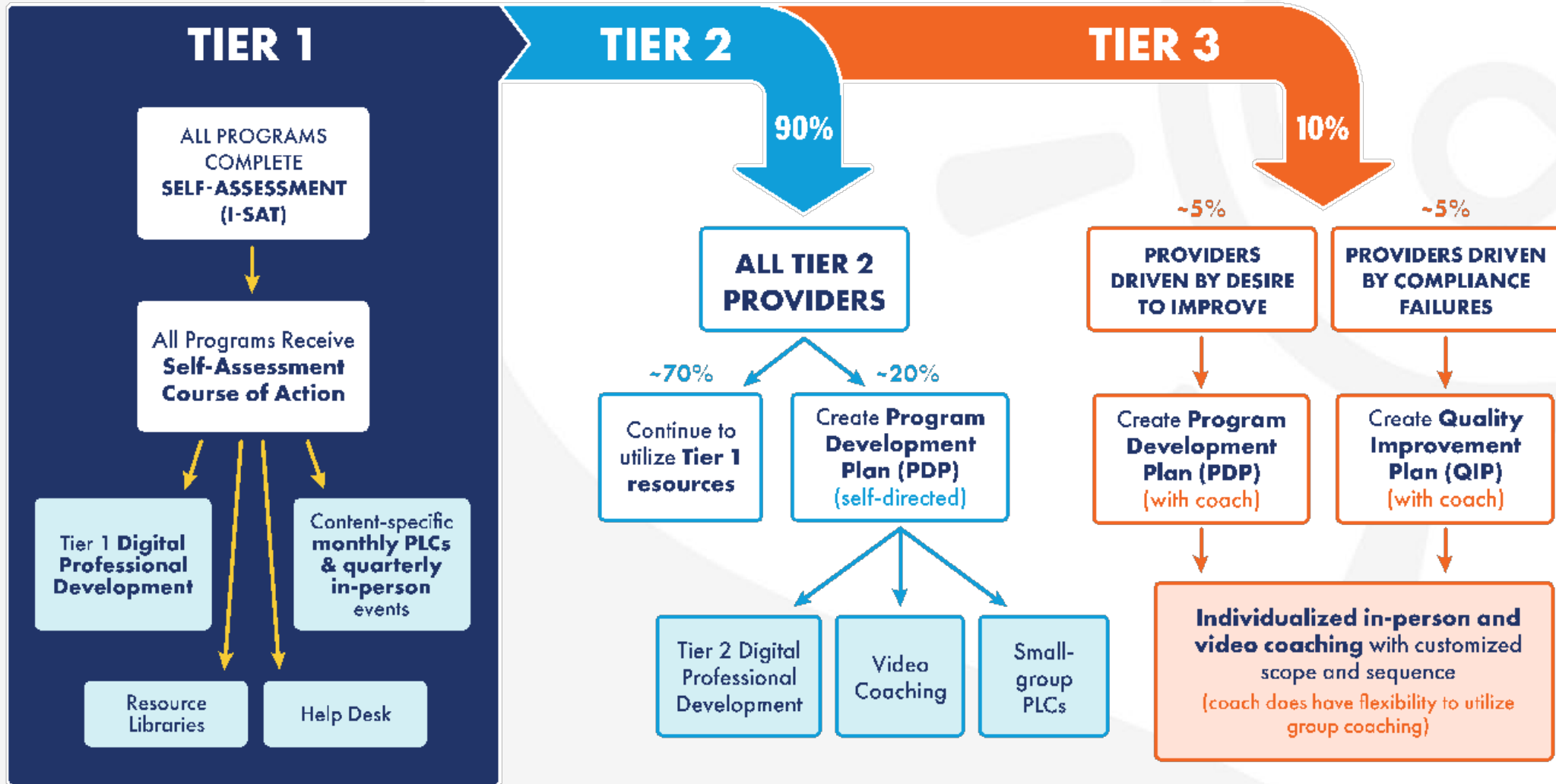
# Your Learning, Your Way

- The **SPARK Self-Assessment Tool** is in development
- Aligned to Indiana's Core Knowledge and Competencies (CKC) and Paths to QUALITY™ (PTQ) standards
- Tailored self-assessment for each program type (homes, centers, ministries, schools)
- Create a Professional Development Plan
- Available statewide Spring 2020



*All programs have access to Tier 1 supports at all times ...*

*And in addition use resources for either Tier 2 OR Tier 3 providers.*





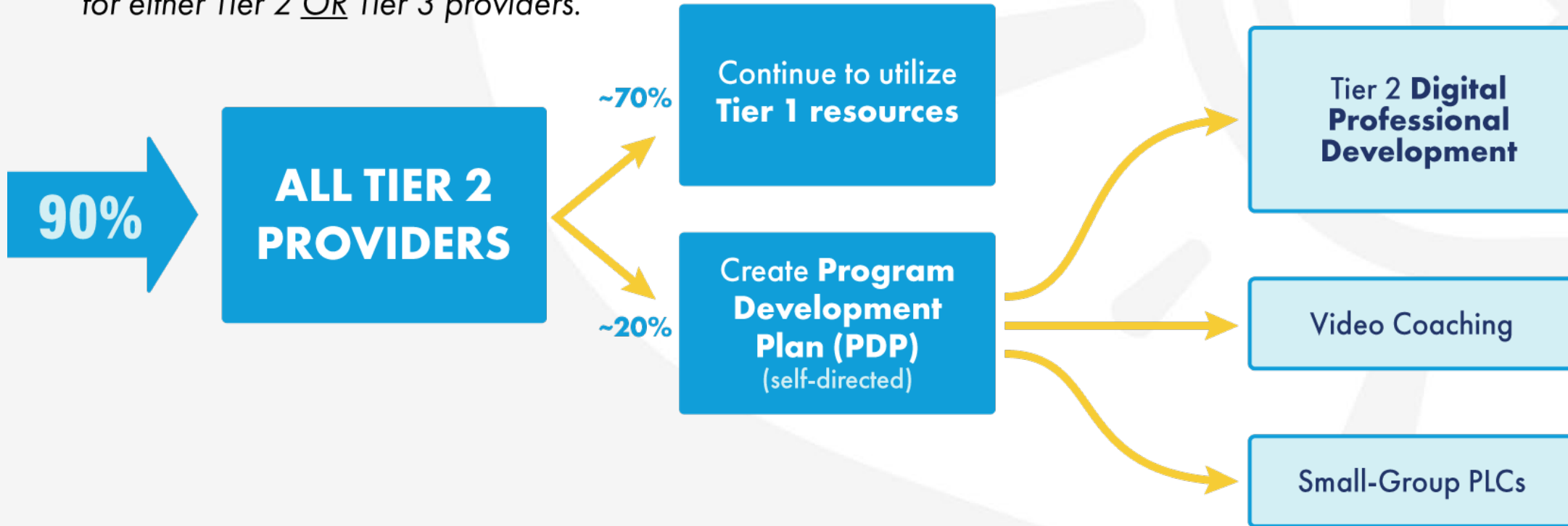
# TIER 1

*All programs have access to Tier 1 supports at all times.*



# TIER 2

In addition to Tier 1, use resources for either Tier 2 OR Tier 3 providers.



# TIER 3

In addition to Tier 1, use resources for either Tier 2 OR Tier 3 providers.



# Coaches

Provide individual support in person and/or virtual

Facilitate Professional Learning Communities

Lead cohort groups of programs (in Tiers 2 and 3)

Consult on your customized Professional Development Plans or Quality Improvement Plans

Regionally-based across all 5 SDA's

# Content Specialists

Support the development of content, training, coaching, and resources

Provide expertise in areas, such as:

- Licensing and operations
- Staff development
- Family engagement
- Education
- Inclusion
- Infant-toddler
- School-aged
- Business management support

# Trainings

## Web-based Trainings

- Trainings offered online via Indiana Learning Paths
- Videos
- Video Conferencing
- Webinars

Trainings will be in continual development based upon self-assessment data, learners feedback, licensing requirements and data, PTQ needs, best practice changes, advisory council recommendations, among others

## In-Person Trainings

- Available in multiple locations in each region
- Distinct and different than Professional Learning Community Meetings
- Will cover a variety of topics and may have content unique of video content.

# town square

- Online resource exclusive to family child care programs
- Access resources like tip sheets, activities, templates, links, and more
- Connect and share personal stories
- Get advice and offer support to colleagues
- Take advantage of professional development designed specifically for family child care
- For now, check out [townsquareIN.org](https://townsquareIN.org)



# Town Square



# Professional Learning Communities



# Call Center Supports

- Trained staff will operate the call center
- Teachers and directors can contact the Call Center for additional information, clarification, or help accessing support
- Access to Coaches and early learning supports
- Multi-lingual call services will be available



# Project Implementation Timeline

## October

Mandatory trainings offered

Regional Listening Tours

Regional Advisory Councils- Membership applications

## November-December

Establish regional offices

Pilot self-assessment

Hire/Onboard

First Regional Advisory Council meetings

## January-February

Revise and finalize self-assessment tools

Hire/Onboard

Call Center supports operational

Town Square Indiana available

## March-May

Self-assessment tools implemented statewide

Roll out tier supports

PLC's and Coaching Supports begin

# SPARK Leadership

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Project Director: **Michael Bachman**

- 10+ Years of experience in the field of early childhood education
- Previous Senior Director, Indiana Accreditation Project at IN AEYC
- Past Project Manager at United Way of Central Indiana's Education Department
- Previous director of a certified-level ministry





## **Courtney Penn**

### **Deputy Director of Program Supports**

Current Regional Director of  
Child Care Resource and  
Referral Supports at Early  
Learning Indiana

Wide-ranging experience in  
teaching, center management,  
and program development



## **Kim Hodge**

### **Deputy Director of Operations and Strategic Integration**

Current Director of Program  
Management at Early Learning  
Indiana

10+ Years of experience within  
CCR&Rs and the early childhood  
education system at the local,  
state and national level



## **Elizabeth Massey**

### **Director of Family Child Care**

Current CCR&R Director for  
Geminus

20+ years of experience in early  
childhood education in multiple  
licensed settings.



# Got a SPARK? Join Us!

- Hiring Indiana-based professionals with experience in providing coaching and TA support
- Open positions include:
  - ✓ Coaches
  - ✓ Coaching Managers
  - ✓ Content Specialists
  - ✓ Various Administrative positions
- For more information, check out the careers website:  
[www.acerlo.net/careers](http://www.acerlo.net/careers) to apply online or reach out to:  
[recruiting@acerlo.net](mailto:recruiting@acerlo.net)





# How to Get Involved!

- Check out our website and register for up-to-date information.  
[www.IndianaSpark.com](http://www.IndianaSpark.com)
- Apply to participate in the RAC in your SDA:  
[www.IndianaSpark.com/RAC](http://www.IndianaSpark.com/RAC)
- Attend our upcoming Listening Tours in October-November
  - There will be at least one in every SDA
- Visit us at one of the Indiana AEYC Local Chapter Fall Conferences



Let's Spark a Conversation!