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Washington Trust's SBL group provides financing to child care ctr.

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The Washington Trust Company's small business lending group provided \$150,000 in financing to A Family Tree School-Age Program, LLC, for the start-up costs of a new child day care center located at 2339 West Shore Rd.

A Family Tree School-Age Program, LLC is owned by Erica Saccoccio and Christine Alexander.

"A Family Tree School-Age Program will help provide necessary child care for families in Warwick," said John Warren, chairman and CEO of The Washington Trust Co. "Washington Trust is happy to provide financing for programs that support our state's children."

Washington Trust's small business lending group is committed to helping small businesses start up, prosper and grow.

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