



Summary Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office Issuing This Notice: Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

Date of This Notice: March 19, 2018

Program Name: **Enhancing Infant and Toddler Experiences Initiative**

Purpose of the RFA: The goal of the *Enhancing Infant and Toddler Experiences Initiative* is to seek applications for projects that will align with quality activities that would enhance the experiences of infant and toddler care in early child care and education settings. The projects DCDEE is seeking would have the ability to make a statewide impact, be evidence based, and supported by research.

Description: The successful applicant will propose a detailed state-wide plan including a timeline and budget for activities that enhance the quality of infant and toddler experiences in early child care and education settings. DCDEE will consider applications for a pilot project that is researched based and has potential to be rolled out statewide in subsequent years. The plan should include innovative and creative strategies that specifically address one of the following content areas:

1. Mentoring programs for the infant and toddler workforce
2. Teacher compensation
3. Educational scholarships
4. Professional development (to include professional development for Technical Assistance Practitioners)
5. Early Intervention / Inclusive Practices
6. Best Practices (developmentally appropriate practices, classroom management, child guidance, intentional teaching, continuity of care)
7. Early language and literacy
8. Building and retaining the workforce

Funding Availability: This RFA will be for a 3-year funding cycle: 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Approximately \$5,000,000 will be available to support the first contract cycle. Funding for subsequent years will depend on contract compliance, program performance and availability of funds.

This RFA will fund multiple projects that address enhancing infant and toddler experiences in early child care and education settings. The funding period for the initial year will be September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019.

Applicant Eligibility: This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing and extensive knowledge and expertise identifying and serving young children and their families experiencing homelessness.

How to Apply:

The *Enhancing Infant and Toddler Experiences Initiative* RFA and required attachments will be posted to the DCDEE website: <http://ncchildcare.nc.gov/> on **April 2, 2018**.

MAIL your application via Overnight/Express Mail or DELIVER your application in person to:

Theresa Roedersheimer, DCDEE Policy Unit
North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education
820 South Boylan Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27699-2201

Intent to Apply:

Agencies that plan to submit an application are encouraged to complete the Notice of Intent to apply found here: https://northchealth.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9yQ02eOmadkTyYJ **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018**. Agencies are **not** required to register their intent to respond to this RFA.

Responses to this notice of intent are not binding and will not impact the review and scoring of your RFA submission. Data from this survey is used by the State PREP Team for planning and research purposes only.

Deadline for Submission:

Applications will be accepted until **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2018**.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Application please contact: Theresa Roedersheimer (theresa.rodgersheimer@dhhs.nc.gov).

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Program Name: Indicate the program and pertinent services, as defined in the Program Management Database (PMD). See <http://pmro.dhhs.state.nc.us/>.

Purpose: The statement of purpose should provide a description of the function of the program. It should give the reason why the program was created.

Description: The description should provide a brief statement of information relating to the nature and scope of the program. Provide enough information that will allow a potential applicant to decide whether to seek more information regarding the program.

Funding Availability: Indicate the total amount of funding that is available to be awarded to all applicants under the announcement, the estimated number of awards to be made, and the maximum amount of a single award (if any).

Eligibility: Clearly define the eligibility requirements and general restrictions for application. Ensure that readers can easily determine whether they are eligible to submit an application for funding.

How to Apply: Provide a general statement concerning how to apply for funding. Do not repeat detailed application instructions that are contained in the Request for Applications.

Deadline for Submission: Specify the date by which applications must either be received or submitted. Ensure that the reader understands how you will document compliance with requirements for meeting submission deadlines (such as the presence of a valid United States Postal Service (USPS) post mark).

How to Obtain Further Information: Provide instructions to potential applicants regarding the action they should take to obtain a copy of the actual Request for Applications or answers to questions. If information is available at a web site, then provide the URL. Include the name, address, phone number and e-mail address of a person who can be contacted for more information. Make it easy for a reader to reach someone.