



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: August 29, 2022

Program Name: Specialized Family Child Care Technical Assistance Program

Purpose of the RFA: The purpose of this request for applications is to establish a statewide Family Child Care (FCC) technical assistance and professional development program with a focus on retaining existing FCC Providers, increasing the availability of FCC providers for families across North Carolina, and increasing the star rating of FCC programs through technical assistance, coaching, mentoring, and professional development. The function of this system is to coordinate the work of culturally inclusive technical assistance practitioners that specialize in family child care across North Carolina. These practitioners will support the FCC programs by providing services such as individualized coaching and mentoring, identification of resources and community outreach, peer-support, and both group and individualized professional development.

Description: The successful applicant will propose a detailed plan, including a timeline and budget, to establish and manage a system of practice-based and culturally inclusive technical assistance, coaching, and mentoring to family child care homes across North Carolina and to provide relevant professional development to current and prospective FCC operators.

Funding Availability: This RFA will be for a 2-year funding cycle (January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024) with the option to renew for 1 additional year (January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025). Approximately \$3,000,000 will be available to support the first 2-year funding cycle and \$2,000,000 will be available for the optional third funding year. One award will be funded through this announcement.

DCDEE will determine the actual funding amount based on the proposed execution of the project and the utilization of funds as outlined in the successful applicant's proposal, pending funding availability.

Applicant Eligibility: This RFA is open to state agencies and universities, public and private nonprofit organizations with a current 501(c)(3) standing who can demonstrate their capacity to manage Federal/State grant funds and programs at an intensive level in collaboration with multiple partners through satisfactory audit reports; education,

experience, and expertise of key personnel; and demonstrated support for the proposal from the applicant's organization. Applicants must have successfully managed state/community initiatives and have demonstrated substantial expertise in evidence-based practices in providing professional development and technical assistance. Applicants must also exhibit comprehensive knowledge of early childhood education (ECE) systems, and expertise in developmentally and culturally appropriate practices for young children. Extensive knowledge and expertise in providing intensive coaching and consultation to the child care workforce is also required. Lastly, applicants must demonstrate and provide examples of their capacity to provide services to diverse populations, collaborate with vested stakeholders, and work effectively with various state and local agencies. Preference will be given to applicants that have demonstrated ability to develop and execute equity focused projects and have incorporated a racial equity lens into their practices.

How to Apply:

EMAIL an electronic PDF of your application to the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education via this email:

DCDEE.Contracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov.

The signature of an authorized official is required on the application face sheet. An electronic signature or an electronic scanned copy of the signed application face sheet will be accepted. **Only electronic application submissions via email will be accepted, i.e., do not mail, fax, or deliver copies of the application to DCDEE's physical or mailing address.**

Intent to Apply: Eligible agencies and/or organizations interested in applying for this RFA are encouraged to notify DCDEE of their intent to apply via the following link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQTQ3BB> no later than **5:00 pm, September 12, 2022**. Agencies are **not** required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA; this information is requested to assist DCDEE in planning.

BIDDER'S CONFERENCE: DCDEE plans on hosting a Bidder's Conference for this RFA on **September 19, 2022 at 12:00 pm**. During this time an overview of the RFA will be presented along with an opportunity for Q&A. Click the link below to join the session: [Bidder's Conference via Teams](#)

Deadline for Submission:

Applications, subject to the following conditions, must be received no later than **5:00 pm, October 10, 2022**.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the complete Request for Application please contact:

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