 NC DHHS

Summary Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

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

**Date of This Notice**: July 12, 2024

**Program Name**: Increasing Access to Child Care for Families Experiencing Homelessness

**Purpose of the RFA**: The goal of this Request for Application is to increase access to child care for families experiencing homelessness by conducting outreach and connecting families high quality educational programs and subsidy services.

# Description:

Research shows that homelessness can have a devastating impact on a child’s development. Children experiencing homelessness are at an increased risk for developing health issues, developmental delays, academic under achievement and mental health problems. Most children experiencing homelessness do not receive the educational, medical, mental health, and/or special education services needed to thrive. DCDEE seeks an entity to provide outreach to families experiencing homelessness. Effective outreach includes activities which raise parents’ or guardians’ awareness of:

* High-quality early childhood and school-age care and education services, including the eligibility requirements and how to apply for subsidized child care
* Comprehensive supports for family well-being
* Research-based[[1]](#footnote-1) practices to support child development and learning

# Funding Availability: This RFA will be for a two-year funding cycle: 2024-2025, and 2025- 2026. Approximately $250,000 will be available to support Year 1 funding and $250,000 for Year 2 funding. 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 and expertise in identifying and serving young children and their families experiencing homelessness.

# 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](mailto: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/HXXCYVP> no later than **5:00 p.m., August 29, 2024**.

Agencies and/or organizations are **not** required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA; this information is requested to assist DCDEE in planning. 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.

**BIDDER’S CONFERENCE:** DCDEE plans on hosting a Bidder’s Conference for this RFA on **August 23, 2024 at 1:30 pm.** During this time, an overview of the RFA will be presented along with an opportunity for Q&A.

**Please click the link to join**

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1. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement. (2019). Family Outreach Series: Strategies for Outreach to Families Experiencing Homelessness  [https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/family-outreach-series-strategies-outreach-families-experiencing-homelessness\_eng\_0.pdf](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fchildcareta.acf.hhs.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Ffamily-outreach-series-strategies-outreach-families-experiencing-homelessness_eng_0.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cceleste.pleasant%40dhhs.nc.gov%7C94f541365994464e557a08dca10efca8%7C7a7681dcb9d0449a85c3ecc26cd7ed19%7C0%7C0%7C638562332943004383%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JQRdbVGOOpUnxBdQJjafsNu05SPyjryGI4aWGirtzXs%3D&reserved=0)  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)