

Early Education Partnerships to Expand Protective Factors for Children with Child Welfare Involvement



Summary

The purpose of this 17 month infrastructure building project is to support the creation of partnerships between child welfare, early childhood education and education systems, which will ultimately help to improve permanency rates as well as the social, emotional and behavioral well being of children ages birth to 5 and their families.

It is expected that applicants will implement multi-disciplinary, school based interventions designed to build on protective factors for children who are at risk of child abuse and neglect or are currently in the child welfare system. It is intended that these interventions will help to increase the number of young children involved in the child welfare system who are receiving 'comprehensive, high-quality early care and education services' demonstrated through enrollment in early childhood programs such as Head Start, Early Head Start or State Pre-K. This will require improved collaboration between early childhood and child welfare programs as well as other child care, health and mental health and other key stakeholders who are able help promote optimal development for these young children and their families.

One example of strategy would be to establish multi-disciplinary education teams in which the child welfare agency staff, school personnel, court personnel, behavioral health personnel, and the family can jointly make decisions.

Fast Facts

Application Due Date: 07.25.11

Eligible:

- State, County, City or township governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Both Federally recognized and non)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education or institutions of early learning and education

Funding:

- \$2 million dollars total,
- 8 awards are expected,
- \$250,000 is available per budget period
- There is no cost sharing or match requirement.

Duration: 17 months