



Chisago County Child Care Coalition Child Care Center Grant Guidelines

The connection is clear: when our children thrive, so do our communities. Investing in early care and education is not only the right thing to do for our youngest citizens but the best thing to do for our economic growth and prosperity.

First Children's Finance and East Central Regional Development Commission conducted a Supply and Demand Gap Survey and Analysis which concluded that Chisago County faces a shortage of child care. The study shows a shortage of 1,449 child care slots for kids 1-5 years old. The Chisago County Child Care Coalition was established to create goals to focus on resolving the child care needs in the county.

In an attempt to 'close the gap' and increase the number of providers, Chisago County set aside state allotted funds for the Child Care Crisis. The Coalition was given these funds to actively work the goals and aid in creating more child care slots within the County.

This grant is focused on providing additional child care slots at a new or existing child care center. The center must demonstrate a hardship or barrier to receive funding for child care retention. Funds from this grant may be used for any state compliance requirements, expenses, materials & equipment that will allow for maximum attendance at the child care facility. Some examples include license application fees, background studies, inspections, Fire Marshal requirements, playground equipment, cribs, curriculum, training, equipment, building expansion, and other costs related to a child care business. This application may require a site visit to be scheduled.

To learn more about licensing requirements, opening a child care center and/or business aspects of child care contact Tara Hallberg from Child Care Aware (Tara.hallberg@pine.edu) or Shelly Kunz from First Children's Finance (shellyk@firstchildrensfinance.org).

To learn more about this grant, please feel free to contact Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County HRA/EDA Executive Director at nancy@chisagocounty.org.

Thank you for your consideration of providing additional child care slots in Chisago County.

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Chisago County Child Care Center Application and Participation Agreement

The following list of tasks is required to be completed prior to receiving the grant. These items may be paid for from grant proceeds. By initialing the task below, you are stating the task has been fully completed.

- _____ Complete and submit a DHS Licensing Application (if applicable)
- _____ Complete the NetStudy 2.0 background study process
- _____ Complete a Fire Marshal inspection (if applicable)
- _____ Contact Shelly Kunz at First Children's Finance or Tara Hallberg at Child Care Aware
Shelly: shellyk@firstchildrensfinance.org Tara: Tara.hallberg@pine.edu
- _____ Submit bids/receipts/budget/financial summary

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Create: _____

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Retain: _____

***Grant award based on the number of additional child care spots created, need for funds and use of funds.**

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Location of Child Care Center(if different than above): _____

How did you hear about the Chisago County Child Care Center Grant: _____

I understand that applying for this Chisago County Child Care Close the Gap Grant that I am not guaranteed licensure as a child care center. I also certify that all information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____

Initial this box to give the coalition permission to use any photography/videos of this project for promotional and marketing purposes to further 'close the gap' on child care shortage in Chisago County.

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