



Chisago County Child Care Coalition Existing Provider 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 funds for the Child Care Crisis. The Coalition was given these funds by Chisago County's state allotted funds to actively work the goals and aid in creating more child care slots within the County.

This grant is focused on retaining or creating new child care slots in Chisago County to ensure the shortage does not grow. A child care business that can demonstrate a hardship or barrier that may lead to closure or limit the number of child care slots in their program may apply for this grant. The funds from this grant may be used for any expenses, materials & equipment needed to retain or grow the child care business. Some examples include repair, expansion of space, rehab or other expanding/retaining expenses for a child care business.

To learn more about the application, licensing and other requirements, contact Lanay Miller, Child Care Licensor with Chisago County Human Services at lanay.miller@chisagocountymn.gov

To learn more about this grant, please 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 Existing Provider 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. (or please initial tasks below to state they have been completed)

_____ Contact with Chisago County Child Care Licensing

_____ Contact with a representative from First Children's Finance

_____ Provide thorough write-up demonstrating a hardship/barrier of your child care business and the projected use of funds

_____ Collect bids or receipts to show cost of expansion/retention expenses (will request receipts after project is completed)

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Create: _____

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Retain: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

How did you hear about the Chisago County Child Care Existing Provider Grant:

I understand that applying for this Chisago County Child Care Close the Gap Grant that I am not automatically guaranteed grant funding. 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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