



## Chisago County Child Care Coalition Start-up Child Care 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 childcare. The study shows a shortage of 1,449 childcare slots for kids 1-5 years old. The Chisago County Child Care Coalition was established to create goals to focus on resolving the childcare 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 to actively work the goals and aid in creating more childcare slots within the County.

The Chisago Child Care Coalition is providing a \$2,000 grant that focuses on those interested in starting an in-home childcare business. This generous effort is to aid in the relief of the county's childcare shortage. The \$2,000 grant may be used for any expenses relating to the childcare business start-up. **Please note: If the child care business awarded the grant closes within two years of receiving funding, the coalition may ask for a pro-rated repayment.**

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](mailto:lanay.miller@chisagocountymn.gov)

To learn more about this grant, please contact Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County HRA/EDA Executive Director at [nancy@chisagocounty.org](mailto: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 Start-up Application and Participation Agreement

The following list of tasks is required to be completed prior to receiving the \$2,000 grant. These items may be reimbursed from grant proceeds. By initialing the task below, you are stating the task has been fully completed.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete and submit a DHS Licensing Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the NetStudy 2.0 background study process (includes everyone 13 years and older living in household).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete a Fire Marshal inspection (if applicable, as determined by CC Family Child Care Licensor)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with a representative from First Children's Finance: shellyk@firstchildrensfinance.org

Number of Child Care Slots Estimated to Create: \_\_\_\_\_

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 guaranteed licensure as a family child care program.

I agree to provide receipts within six months of the receipt of the grant funds.

I 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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