Preschool Development Grant B-5
Overview
Ohio was awarded the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five in the amount of $10,486,896.

It is a one year grant with the potential to apply for years 2 – 4.

Ohio’s three goals:

• All children have access to quality early childhood care and education and are ready for Kindergarten
• Families are able to make an informed educated decision regarding early childhood care and education
• Increase the participation of children in quality settings through more efficient alignment of resources.
Activities
Activity 1 – Needs Assessment

✓ Funding: $0
✓ Needs Assessment
✓ SSID evaluation/options for Head Start
Activity 2 – Strategic Plan

✓ Funding: $35,000
✓ Strategic Plan – Monitoring quarterly
✓ Stakeholder Engagement – 3 ECAC sub-committees will be created:
   1. Engage Families and Communities
   2. Educate Early
   3. Prepare Professionals
Activity 2 – ECAC Subcommittees

✓ Stakeholder Engagement – 3 Sub-committees for ECAC will be created to help oversee and plan strategic updates and implementation for the grant year

✓ Sub-committees will contain representation from across the States diverse geography, cultures and population types
  • Ohio’s technical assistance providers
  • Parents and families of young children
  • Early childhood care and education providers
Activity 3 – Maximizing Parent Knowledge and Choice

✓ Funding: $3,510,000
✓ Digital Media campaign and Fatherhood website – Raising the digital profile of early childhood care and education services including creating a unified message
✓ Screening Tool - A tool for families to identify the likelihood of being eligible for available services through Ohio’s mixed delivery system
✓ Website Translation Tool – Enhance Bold Beginning and child care search websites to ensure cultural and linguistic competency
Activity 3 – Survey of Family and Child Level Metrics

✓ Families with children participating in PFCC – or Early Childhood Education – funded programs.
✓ Parents will assess their understanding of SUTQ and the importance of early childhood care and education in their child’s early development.
Activity 4 – Sharing Best Practices

✓ Funding: $1,255,000
✓ Transition Plans – Create a best practice for transition
✓ Unified Application – Explore data needed for all programs
✓ Resource and Referral agency Partnership enhancement
✓ Improve modes of communication to provider community – Text messaging, news feeds, newsletters and in-person events
✓ Coaching and Mentoring Opportunities - OCCRRA will expand their current program to 50 new mentors and 50 new mentees
✓ Expansion of Mental Health Consultants – Will provide training to families and programs on Trauma Informed Care and Understanding, Engaging and Appreciating Families
Activity 5 – Improving Overall Quality

✓ Funding: $5,074,896
✓ Onsite TA – Hands on guidance on how to register for SUTQ
✓ SUTQ Fairs – Fairs that assist providers in understanding and meeting SUTQ standards
✓ CDA Cohorts – OCCRRRA will create CDA cohorts for early child care professionals
✓ Licensing Rapid Response – State staff will provide targeted to TA to unrated programs specifically on high non-compliance areas
Activity 5 – Survey of Early Childhood Care and Education Provider Level Metrics

✓ Early childhood care and education providers.
✓ A survey will track the usefulness of technical assistance and areas that need improvement in the SUTQ ratings process.
Overall – Evaluation/Travel/Personnel

✓ Funding: $612,000
✓ Participation in subcommittee work.
  • More details coming soon.
✓ Two surveys will be created.
  • Opportunity to provide feedback.
Questions?