

Together Quality Grows Grant Information

Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) and Child Care Partnership (CCP) are excited to offer your program an opportunity for a quality improvement technical assistance grant!

If you would like to be considered for this grant, please read through the following information and submit the requested form. This form must be complete, thorough, and in our office no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 30th, 2009. Partners in the grant will be chosen and announced on May 8th, 2009. 10 grants will be awarded: 5 to in home child care providers and 5 to group centers. All **licensed** programs in CCP's 10 county service delivery area will be given the opportunity to apply. Child care providers in Western Dairyland's Women's Business Center database will be contacted first using the email addresses provided to us at previous trainings. Information about the grant will also be sent through current email addresses in the CCP offices. Copies of this grant application form will also be accessible on our website and will be mailed to providers requesting hard copies of the document.

Details are as follows:

WHO: 5 licensed centers and 5 licensed in-home programs will be awarded the grant. Programs sending in the grant application need to be in CCP's 10 county service delivery area: Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, or Trempealeau, including the Ho-Chunk nation. Providers must be licensed prior to the April 30th, 2009, grant application submission deadline.

WHAT: Each program will be observed, assessed, scored, consulted, and coached by CCP of Western Dairyland's trained staff. Each of the 5 centers will have 3 rooms participate (0-3 year old areas will be the focus). In-home programs that participate will receive \$500; centers will receive \$500 for each room (\$1500 total). These mini grants will be issued through CCP in the form of environment enriching tools, supplies, etc. All materials will be purchased by the CCP assessor assigned to each program.

WHEN: Much of the program technical assistance will take place in the summer of 2009, with the completion of the work coming to a close no later than December 15th, 2009.

WHERE: Observation, consultation, and technical assistance will take place in your program. Communication through phone, mail, and email will also be key.

WHY: To make child care work. This grant will help you, your community, and the children of Wisconsin.

If you are a center, please answer the following questions or provide the information requested:

How long has your program been licensed? _____

Please fill out the following chart for your whole center:

Center Rooms Name/Ages Served	Head Teacher in Room	How long has this teacher been employed by your center?	Teacher ethnicity	Highest level of education teacher has attained

For each room listed above, please indicate how many staff have quit, resigned or been terminated since May 1st, 2006, in the chart below.

Center Room/Ages Served	Number of employees who have quit, resigned, or been terminated since May 1 st , 2006

What is the ethnicity ratio in your program currently? _____

Does your program participate in the CACFP? If no, what is holding you back? _____

Group centers please continue to page 4 of this document.

Answer the following questions (centers and in-home programs).

1. How would your program benefit from participating in this grant opportunity (min 300, max 500 words)? *Please attach essay question to your application form.*
2. How will your community benefit from your participation in the grant (min 300, max 500 words)? *Please attach essay question to your application form.*
3. Submit a letter from each key staff member who will be participating in this grant expressing how they will personally benefit from participating in this grant opportunity (outside feedback, continuing education, etc.). *Please attach letters to your application form.*

Agreement Statements

If my program is chosen to participate in this grant, I understand that I am making a commitment to stay in the business of child care through December 31, 2011. CCP has the right to repossess all purchases made for my program with specified grant monies.

I will communicate efficiently with CCP throughout the entire process of this grant. I understand that this is going to be a partnership between my program and CCP. Effort will need to be put in on both sides to make this program a success! Failure to meet with the terms of this agreement may result in the withdrawal of all grant privileges.

Director/Owner Signature Date

Lead Teacher Signature (centers only) Date

Lead Teacher Signature (centers only) Date

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Please mail completed form to the address below or email it to rrjob@westerndairyland.org.

**Child Care Partnership
Attn: Together Quality Grows
418 Wisconsin Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703**

Questions? Call Stephanie (800) 782-1880 or (715) 831-1700. You can also email rrjob@westerndairyland.org.