

The Richmond County Partnership for Children is accepting proposals from agencies or providers who wish to be considered as applicants to perform one or more of the listed activities or new proposals planned for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Agencies/organizations wishing to be considered should have a demonstrated record of success in service delivery and a strong fiscal and program system of accountability and reporting. Activities should (1) target children ages 0-5 and their families; (2) relate to one or more of the goals of the Partnership, and (3) relate to one or more of the identified activities. Substantial reporting requirements will be necessary.

Final budgets, not yet determined, may vary from their strategic plan depending on legislation.

### **Bilingual Medical Home Coordinator**

The goal of this activity is to expound on the significance of having a medical home and well child visits to parents of newborns. Contact may also be made on a limited basis with parents of children who are older than newborns but not yet in kindergarten.

### **Child Care Health Consultant**

This activity will target all licensed child-care facilities in Richmond County (who provide care for over 1,600 children) to ensure good health among the birth to age five population. This activity will address health issues in child-care settings including communicable and contagious diseases, development, special needs children (including those with chronic diseases), immunizations, and routine well child check-ups. This activity will also address health and safety policies, record reviews and trainings on health and safety issues for child care providers.

### **Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)**

This activity will educate and provide up-to-date information to families and businesses regarding child care facilities, costs, availability, star ratings, licensing, etc. for referral purposes. Maintenance of a database of child care facilities, technical assistance to child care facilities including use of environment rating scales and the Division of Child Development and Early Education approved trainings for child care providers will be included.

### **Child Care Star Enhancement**

This activity will provide technical assistance and financial resources to maintain and improve the quality of child care facilities in Richmond County. This activity will provide incentives which will allow these (4 and 5 star) facilities to invest in improving the quality and maintaining their star rating. This activity will include the administration of a grant program to child care programs that meet established eligibility criteria and monitoring of the incentive program.

### **Child Care Subsidy**

This activity will provide funding to address the child care needs among the economically-challenged families in Richmond County. In an effort to address said needs, this activity will provide funding assistance to help defray the child care costs for low-income TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or CCDF (Child Care Development Fund) eligible families. In doing so, this activity will reduce the number of economically-disadvantaged families on the waiting lists to receive child care services.

### **Child Care Subsidy Administration**

## Community Awareness

This activity will increase public awareness and the enrollment of services provided by the Partnership via media (brochures, newsletters, press releases, PSAs) and the development of an annual report which will be distributed to the community. This activity will work with the CCR&R staff, when needed, to coordinate Partnership community events.

## NC Pre-K

Financial assistance will be paid on a direct per child basis for the purchase of care and enhancements in NC Prekindergarten (NCPK) sites for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) eligible families.

## Professional Development

The goal of this activity is to increase the number of children receiving care in child care facilities that have at least 4 points on the star rated license in lead teacher education. Strategies will include professional development plans, working with the community college to determine needed courses, advising child care providers, and administration of a grant program to reward child care providers for the successful completion of college level courses.

## Quality Enhancement

This activity's goal is to increase the star licensure of child care providers by providing technical assistance, workshops, and trainings to address identified needs of providers. Strategies will include the development of Quality Improvement plans based on the Environment Rating scales and the administration of quality enhancement grants and facility staff education grants.

## Sandhills Children's Center

This activity will provide dual subsidy public Pre-K financial assistance that will be paid on a direct per child basis to public schools or 4 or 5 star-rated facilities for purchase of care and enhancements for non-NC Prekindergarten Program (NCPK) care for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible or Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) eligible families. The Contractor will report data into the state-level Smart Start Reporting System on a monthly basis.