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Deadline fast approaching for families to apply for On My Way Pre-K

Applications will be accepted until Monday December 15th

Indianapolis (Dec. 10, 2014) – Eligible families have until next Monday, December 15, 2014, to apply for On My Way Pre-K – Indiana’s first state-funded, free prekindergarten program for low-income families – at www.OnMyWayPreK.org. Families who are eligible for the first phase of this pilot program will live in Allen, Lake, Marion or Vanderburgh Counties, have a 4-year-old child who will start kindergarten in the fall of 2015 and have an income below 127 percent of the federal poverty level ([See income eligibility guide here](#)).

Applications will be accepted until December 15 for the first phase of the program, which will begin in January of 2015. If more families qualify than there are grants available, awards will be made through a randomized lottery process. This lottery will be held on December 17, 2014, and families will be notified if they receive a grant.

Once a child has received a grant, parents may choose from any of the eligible, enrolled On My Way Pre-K programs. The Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is currently enrolling high-quality programs which are either ranked at level 3 or level 4 on [Paths to QUALITY](#) or are accredited by an approved national or regional accrediting body.

Approved pre-K programs may be located in a public or private school, licensed child care center, licensed home or registered ministry as long as that program meets the quality requirements and is registered as an On My Way Pre-K provider. Families may choose from a program that is full-day or part-day, as well as from programs that end with the school year or continue through the summer. A list of approved pre-K providers will be made available in December and posted online. Families who need help finding an approved pre-K program can also call 1-800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist.

To apply in Allen County [click here](#).

To apply in Lake County [click here](#).

To apply in Marion County [click here](#).

To apply in Vanderburgh County [click here](#).

For instructions on how to complete the application [click here](#).

On My Way Pre-K is the name of Indiana's first state-funded prekindergarten program, which was established as a five-county pilot by the Indiana General Assembly in 2014. In addition to Allen, Lake, Marion and Vanderburgh Counties, which are making a limited program available for about 400 children beginning in January, Jackson County will join the others and be fully-operational by the fall of 2015. The pilot program is expected to ultimately serve approximately 2,000 students in the five counties.

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