



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. The Indiana State Board of Education Recognized National and Regional Pre-K Accrediting agencies listed in attachment B – are these accreditations required? NAEYC is not accepted by the ISBOE?

The legislated participation requirement for private preschools is accreditation. The agencies listed in attachment B are the agencies recognized by the ISBOE. This grant may be applied for by PRIVATE Preschools needing assistance in paying or purchasing items to meet accreditation through one of IDOE agencies for their preschool classrooms.

FSSA Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning (OECOSL) also recognizes these National Accrediting Bodies:

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)
- Council on Accreditation (COA)
- National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

FSSA OECOSL approved accrediting bodies are also accepted by Paths to QUALITY™ and there is assistance through the Indiana Accreditation Project for accreditation through these agencies. Preschools interested in these accreditations should contact Indiana AEYC: <http://secure.iaeyc.org/programs-research/indiana-accreditation-project/>

2. Family child care homes are NOT eligible?

Since one of the main focuses of these grants is capacity building, and that is very limited in Family Child Care homes, and the grant cannot be granted to an individual, Family Child Care Home Providers are not eligible to apply. We hope to provide additional supports for Family Child Care Home Providers at a later date and will share any additional resources as they become available.

I work for a private preschool registered through ISTAR-KR within a family child care home daycare (level 4 PTQ, nationally accredited facility), within high needs zip code....can we even apply?

At this time, since you are located in the licensed family child care home, your preschool is not eligible to apply for a grant. ISTAR-KR is an assessment tool available to all providers and does not help you meet eligibility.

3. Can we apply for more than one tier? Can we apply for tier 1, 2 and 3 simultaneously?

No, applications cannot be for more than one tier.

4. Can you apply for more than one tier at different sites?

Multi-site agencies can submit applications for multiple sites within their agency. Each site must have a separate budget submitted though. Budget forms have a place to choose tier of grant. Grant amounts cannot exceed the maximum allowance. If one application is submitted for multiple sites, each narrative question must be answered per site.

5. May an agency apply that provides transportation or family engagement services for multiple sites community wide? How about a collaborative group that has a fiscal agent?

Yes, innovative ideas and collaborative partnerships will be considered.

6. How far back are we supposed to go with the list of previous grants we have received?

Question 21 asks if your agency has been the recipient of other grants, supports or resources to improve program quality or expand capacity. Please list any grants, supports or resources received for these purposes. If the list exceeds the 500 word limit, please list those grants, supports or resources within the last 2 years.

On the list of grants (application question 21) does that only pertain to grants received related to Pre-K? I.E. We are a public school district and we have several other grants/allocations in the past two years...do we list all of them? Or, just related to expanding Pre-K and program quality?

Just grants pertaining to preschool program quality or expansion of capacity. This question is asked to demonstrate your agencies ability to apply, expend and administer grants.

7. What are the chances for school districts in one of the five IN PK Pilot counties but outside of the zip codes listed in the application to receive an award?

We would encourage agencies outside of the high need zip codes to apply and all applications will be considered. Priority points will be given to those within the high need zip codes, but all will be considered.

8. Do all receipts have to be turned in at the same time?

All grants will be awarded on a cost reimbursement basis to awardees. All claims and receipts for reimbursement must be received by June 1, 2015 for all awarded grants. Receipts should be submitted for the total amount of approved grant at the same time, but may be submitted as soon as claim forms are received.



9. With the breadth of partners in this grant, would you please confirm whether the source of these grant funds are public or private? Our organization tracks those differently.

These grants are a combination of state and private funds. We will work with your organization if needed for tracking purposes.

10. My classroom is part of a Catholic K-8 school. Do I understand correctly that our PK class would need to be included in an accreditation by one of the agencies listed in Attachment B? And what do I do if my class has not been included in our accreditation?

That is correct. In order to become an approved On My Way Pre-K provider as a private preschool, documentation must be received by OECOSL documenting the preschool is included in the K-8 accreditation. Each accrediting agency has different criteria and requirements and we would suggest that you contact your specific accrediting agency for their specific guidelines and requirements. You may also consider entering Paths to QUALITY™ as a registered ministry for the preschool classroom and then “fast-track” to level 3 to become eligible.

Would it be more beneficial for a private preschool to go through the licensing/paths to quality process or the accreditation process from one of the Indiana Board of Education National and Regional Pre-K accrediting agencies?

Either avenue are viable options for private preschools. Each preschool would have to weigh their options and make that decision. We certainly have supports available to help you with those decisions and would be happy to assist you in the process.

11. Can you use funding to pay for higher quality staff than the required CDA as the Teacher?

Grant funds cannot be used to supplement salaries. However, grant funds may be used for professional development of staff supporting effective instruction, positive emotional climates and an environment that supports those interactions. Agencies can contact Indiana AEYC for more information on T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA scholarships to increase the educational level of your staff: <http://secure.iaeyc.org/programs-research/teach-early-childhood-indiana/>

12. We currently have two multiage preschool classrooms for children ages 3-5. Do we need to re-identify or re-organize these rooms as 4 year old only? We are not proposing additional rooms. We currently have 20 children in each classroom. We have the capacity to offer services to up to an additional 10- 4 year old child in each room. Given this, is the question asking the number of additional four year children we can serve?

You do not need to reconfigure your classrooms –On My Way Pre-K 4 year olds can be served in a multiage room offering a pre-k program. You cannot offer slots above your licensed capacity limits.



13. Can you use the funding for needed technology?

Yes, applications may include technology needs especially to implement ISTAR-KR. All purchases must be made once grants are approved and within the timeframe of these grants. Grants cannot reimburse retroactively for technology previously purchased.

14. Would the principal or pastor be the person to be listed on the application for a registered ministry? Or private preschool?

Often times the superintendent or pastor is the authorized representative for an agency. The person who signs the grant must have authority to sign, expend funds and submit the claim paperwork.



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