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FSSA announces 21 recipients of Early Education Matching Grants

\$1.3 million awarded to groups who raised more than \$1.7 million in matching funds

Indianapolis (May 28, 2015) – The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) today named 21 organizations from 14 different Indiana counties recipients of the Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG). These grants will help recipients provide quality early education for low-income children in Indiana.

Fourteen previous grant winners will renew their grants for a second year, and seven sites have been awarded new grants to serve a total of 540 children for the 2015-16 school year. The matching grant recipients and their counties are listed at the end of this release. Families in these counties should contact one of these providers if they are interested in receiving pre-K education for a 4-year-old child.

Only programs located outside of the five counties participating in the state's On My Way Pre-K pilot were eligible to apply for the EEMG grants.

“The EEMG program is an important tool toward increased school readiness and academic success for low-income children in Indiana,” said Melanie Brizzi, Director of Indiana’s Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning. “The grants leverage public and private investments within high-quality community-based programs, including school-based, faith-based and nonprofit early learning programs. This approach allows many more at-risk children living outside of the five pilot On My Way Pre-K counties to access essential high-quality early education.”

Twenty-one grants, totaling \$1,332,993, are being awarded and another \$1,727,959 in matching funds have been obtained by those grantees from foundations, United Way agencies, corporations, coalitions of public-private organizations and individual donors. These grants will be used to expand high-quality early education programs for low-income families with 4-year-old children.

The EEMG program, established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013 (and renewed in 2015 for an additional two-year cycle), allows high-quality, early child care and education programs

to apply for matching funds to serve 4-year-old children from families whose incomes are below federal poverty guidelines. It is separate and distinct from the On My Way Pre-K program, which was approved by the 2014 General Assembly and is underway in Allen, Lake, Marion and Vanderburgh Counties, and adding Jackson as a participating county in August.

In this program, grants are awarded directly to providers statewide, who use the funds to enroll qualified children; while in the On My Way Pre-K program, families in five pilot counties (Allen, Jackson, Lake, Marion and Vanderburgh) apply directly for scholarships.

Applicants for EEMG were required to have already achieved Level Three or Level Four in [Paths to QUALITY™, Indiana's voluntary child care quality rating and improvement system](#). They were also required to secure a cash match from a community organization or other funding source.

The 2013 matching grant legislation established that \$2 million would be available for two years, beginning in 2014. Grants awards will be effective July 1, 2015.

More information about the Early Childhood Matching Grant is available [here](#).

Program	County	Program	#Children served
NEW			
Tonya P. Williams/United Child Care Center, Inc.	Vigo	part time	5
Elwood Community School System	Madison	part time	24
Monroe County Community School Corporation	Monroe	full time	20
Greater Clark County Schools	Clark	part time	120
DSRC, Inc./Bloomington Center for Global Children	Monroe	full time	2
DeKalb County Central United School District	DeKalb	full time	72
Right Steps Child Development Centers	Tippecanoe	full time	5
RENEWALS			
Busy Bees Academy/Consolidated	Bartholomew	full time	50
YMCA of Muncie (Apple Tree Child Development)	Delaware	full time	14
Child Study Center/Ball St.	Delaware	part time	4
Huffer Memorial Children's Center, Inc	Delaware	part time	10
United Day Care Center of Delaware	Delaware	full time	15
HUMmingbird Day Care Ministry	Dubois	part time	10
		full time	15
TRI-CAP Head Start	Dubois	full time	10
Rainbow's End Childcare Ctr/Blue River	Harrison	full time	15
Pathfinder Kids Kampus/Pathfinder Service	Huntington	full time	10

Imagination Station I/Imagination Station	LaPorte	full time	10
YMCA Learning Ctr/Southeastern YMCA	Ripley	full time	20
El Campito Child Development Centers	St Joseph	full time	8
Right Steps Downtown/Right Steps	Tippecanoe	full time	5
Small World Learning Center, Inc.	Vigo	part time	48
		full time	12

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