



Investing in Iowa Child Care

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HUMAN SERVICES

Date

Dear (name):

Thank you for your interest in the *Investing in Iowa Child Care* (IICC) funding program!

The intent of this funding program is to help ensure accessibility of child care throughout the state of Iowa. Child care is essential to every community. The first five years of life are vital for brain development and children need stable quality care to ensure a strong foundation for later school and career activities. Families need access to affordable quality care to enter, re-enter or stay in the workforce. Communities need quality child care to be available so that employers can fill openings and provide services to the community.

The IICC funding program has three types of funding available:

1. **Start-Up Funding:** Funding for a new child care facility that received permission to open on or after 1/1/2021.
2. **Expansion Funding:** Funding for an existing child care facility that seeks to increase the number of total slots available to serve children.
3. **Urgent Regulatory Funding:** Funding for an existing child care facility with an expense that would prevent them from meeting regulatory guidelines and which they are unable to fund.

Please review the attached application document to learn more about the IICC program. We have tried to ensure a smooth application process and the general steps are listed below. However, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) staff to get your questions answered.

IICC Application Process:

1. Review the application to ensure you meet eligibility requirements and that you can agree to the duties/responsibilities listed.
2. Turn in your completed application and W-9 form to the CCR&R region in which your program is located.
3. Once your application is received, you will be assigned a CCR&R Child Care Consultant to schedule a visit. During this visit, the CCR&R Child Care Consultant will review the IICC Budget Form with you.
4. Once you have turned in your IICC Budget Form to your CCR&R Child Care Consultant, your application will be reviewed to make a determination and you will receive a letter/email notifying you of the decision within 30 days.

We thank you for your interest in this program and providing child care to Iowa's families.

Sincerely,

Child Care Resource & Referral
The Department of Human Services