

Community Child Care Supply Growth Initiative

Acknowledgement of Requirements

- Programs receiving awards must use the funds as described in the approved grant proposal or obtain pre-approval for any changes to the planned use of funds.
- **Providers must continue to operate their child care business for a minimum of four years post opening or expansion.** The four year period begins when the license or registration for the new or expanded program is issued.
- The purpose of this grant is to support child care programs that meet the needs of working parents, especially those who need care for infants and toddlers. **Program hours should align with that goal and provide child care for at least 9 hours a day.**

Additionally, programs receiving funding must participate in the following assessments and professional development, which are designed to increase the quality and marketability of the programs.

- **Site Visits:** Program space will be assessed and inspected in order to be approved as suitable space for child care. Fire Safety inspections must be completed and space approved before grant funds can be disbursed.
- **Environmental Assessments:** Funded programs will receive environmental assessments to ensure program space is appropriate for the intended age range and conducive to a safe and stimulating early care and learning environment.
- **Equity and Inclusion Assessments:** Funded programs will complete a guided self-assessment of their programs, policies, materials, and environment to ensure they are as inclusive as possible for the benefit of children, families, and employees.
- **Professional Development:** Funded programs will participate in professional development that may include training on the following topics: Pyramid Model, Business Basics, Developmentally Appropriate Practices, etc. Training suggestions will be based on individual needs. Some trainings may be provided free of charge through the Child Development Council while others will require a fee.
- **Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):** Funded programs will enroll and participate in CACFP and receive ongoing technical assistance from the Council's CACFP Specialist.
- **Tracking:** Grant recipients will track the Cornell affiliation of waitlist and all enrolled parents and report that information to the Council annually or by request of the Council.
- **Capacity:** Programs are expected to maintain enrollment at full capacity, unless otherwise agreed upon at the time of initial funding. Child care will be offered to the community as soon as the program is registered or licensed.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in forfeiture and or repayment of grant funds.

As a recipient of grant funding from the Community Child Care Supply Growth Initiative, I acknowledge the expectations detailed above and agree to these requirements.

I further acknowledge that the entire award, or a portion of the funds awarded through the Community Child Care Supply Growth Initiative, will be refunded to the Child Development Council if this agreement is broken within the four year period it applies to.

If this agreement is broken and repayment is required, grant funds will be refunded for the original purchase price of any materials goods purchased (not for the depreciated value of any items purchased). The four year period begins when the license or registration for the new or expanded program is issued.

Period covered by this agreement: _____ to _____

Printed Name

Signature

Date