

Reach for the Stars Application
Quality Improvement Grants:
Child Care Centers and Preschools
FY 2011



For more information, please contact:

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Grants will be available as funding allows. Grant amounts awarded will be determined by a grant review committee including representatives from United Way, Polk Early Childhood Iowa and CCR&R. An application including all required documentation must be submitted by the following deadlines.

October 1, 2010
January 1, 2011
April 1, 2011

Program Name _____

Director: _____

Address _____
Street City Zip code

Director _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1. Please verify eligibility:

Program is licensed by the Department of Human Services

License ID: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Program is operated through a local school district _____
District name

All receipts for approved items from previous RFTS grants have been returned.

A copy of a training certificate verifying that the Director or Assistant Director has completed an ITERS or ECERS-R environmental rating scale training series is attached.

To register for an environmental rating scale training series, go to the Polk County training calendar at www.centraliowachildcare.org

- ECERS-R series scheduled to begin in August
- ITERS series scheduled to begin in September

The QRS Specialist has been contacted to identify steps to apply for a QRS rating. (QRS Specialist will verify contact with the Child Care Center Consultant.)

Emily Brott, QRS Specialist 515-246-3592 or ebrott@orchardplace.org

ITERS or ECERS-R assessment by a center or preschool consultant has been completed

A mutually agreed upon action plan and time frame, prioritizing both financial and on-going consultation needs have been developed through assessments with appropriate CCR&R consultants using the following information:

- Program's ITERS or ECERS-R Self Assessment
- Child care center or preschool consultant's ITERS or ECERS-R assessment
- Program barriers identified in the grant application
- Observations by other appropriate CCR&R consultants which may include the Child Care Nurse Consultant or Infant Toddler Specialist

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, please answer the following questions:

1. Describe your child care program.
2. QRS level you plan to apply for: Level _____ by _____ (date)
3. What is working well in your program, what are your strengths?
4. What challenges are there to meeting your QRS goal?
5. How will a grant and consultation assist you in meeting your QRS goal?
6. Describe existing resources that could be combined with a Quality Improvement Grant to reach your program's QRS goal. (For example, a parent volunteer work team, an identified fund raiser, or gift or donation)

I agree to participate in on site consultation as specified in the agreed upon action plan for a minimum of six months from receipt of a RFTS grant.

I agree to purchase only approved items with grant funds and to turn in all receipts and packing slips.

I understand that if the program closes within three years of receipt of the grant, materials purchased with grant funds must be returned to CCR&R.

Director

Date

Child Care Center Consultant

Date