



ELCPBC Early Head Start Expansion Provider Application LOG OF INQUIRIES

DATE OF INQUIRY	QUESTION OR COMMENT	RESPONSE
08/04/20	What is the provider rate?	The cost is based on a cost per child rate daily. Per our contract, minimum service levels for early childhood services include a year-round program (minimum of 240 days or 48 weeks) providing early learning services at least 10 hours per day, 5 days per week (Monday-Friday). The rate is competitive to make sure you offer high quality services.
08/04/20	If I have six children, can I have only one teacher? What is the ratio?	For a regular family childcare home, you may have a 1 staff for up to 6 children. You will need to also a substitute. For a large family childcare home, provider will need 2 staff for up to 12 children. EHS will assign only 8 children for a large FCCH. EHS will only assign 4 children for a regular FCCH. Staff to child ratio for a center is one(1)adult teacher for every four (4) children, with a maximum group size of eight (8).Regardless of how many children are in attendance, there will always be two staff with the children.
08/06/20	Can a provider serve children beginning at 12 months or do they have to serve children at 6 weeks?	A provider needs to have the ability to serve children from 6 weeks
08/06/20	If we already have children and we are selected, will the children be selected for EHS?	We don't look to displace any family and work closely with providers to see if the children they have in their care qualify for EHS; they do not automatically qualify. EHS has income guidelines for enrollment into the program.
08/06/20	Do you have to have infants to be a part of the EHS program?	Yes, any program that interested in partnering with us, needs to open to serve children 6 weeks to 3 years old.





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08/06/20	Are the 4 EHS slots for regular FCCH mandatory?	Yes, it is standard for our program to assign 4 EHS slots to a regular family childcare home.
08/06/20	What holidays do you work with?	We honor the holidays that you select per your School Readiness contract. We don't offer any additional holidays/vacation days. We have a minimum service delivery day that we have to provider per the Office of Head Start guidance as a general rule.
08/06/20	Are parents allowed to move kids themselves or do they have to speak with the program?	We do grant transfers if a parent is interested in transferring from one EHS site to another EHS site.
08/06/20	What are your policies and procedures for late pick up?	We operate 10 hours a day for normal operating hours. If a parent is late, a late fee may be imposed.
08/06/20	What curriculum does the program use?	The program uses Frog Street and Creative Curriculum
08/06/20	Is there anything we have to prepare for before the visit if we get selected?	Because of COVID-19, interviews and site visit will be done virtually. Make sure you clean and declutter.
08/06/20	Can you explain what you mean by "expansion" grant? Does that refer to areas that are currently not within your zip code service areas?	The expansion grant opportunity is to serve more children, not to expand service areas. We would be serving the same services areas. To further clarify, we have not been given an award. We are just applying for it and being proactive in inviting potential new providers to apply in the event that we are awarded an expansion.
08/06/20	For regular FCCH, if you only have two slots to give us, would you take two of my private pay children so that I don't have open slots?	We always have waitlists so it is very unlikely that slots would remain open. We also place families with the greatest needs fist.



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08/06/20	Due to COVID, if you don't receive enough provider applications that qualify, do you think it is possible for providers that score high but are not within service area zip codes to be accepted?	Whenever we are given a grant, there are certain designated areas by the Office of Head Start; we can only serve families in those areas, and the sites have to be in those areas. If, because of what is going on with COVID we don't get enough interest, we would have to start this process all over again, or we would have to extend the application deadline.
08/06/20	If a FCCH goes from 4 to 8, would we have to wait until the next contract signing to go from 4 to 8?	All contracted providers renew contracts annually. Providers that go from regular to large do not automatically receive 4 extra slots. Whenever we receive an award, we have to designate the spaces within a particular amount of time. Additional slots are given to existent providers only when another existent provider either retires or their contract is terminated for any other reason. Contract year for EHS goes from July 01 to June 30.
08/07/20	How are the applicants scored? We are a tier 4 school ...we are not in Strong Minds as of yet.	Applicant would not receive credit for either part of the question due to the applicant not being a part of the Strong Minds network currently.