Early Childhood Education
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Today's Webinar Focus

Community Schools and Preschool in Ohio

- Licensing Your Preschool

- Who is Eligible?

- Early Childhood Education

- Available Technical Assistance and Professional Development

Licensing Your Preschool

- Rules governing Preschool License
  - education.ohio.gov
  - Search keywords: *Preschool Licensing*
- Ohio Department of Education & Ohio Department of Job and Family Services license preschools, depending on organization type

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Licensing Your Preschool

- Application available online to complete and submit

- Pre-Licensing Visit Checklist

Available at:

- education.ohio.gov

- Search keywords: *Preschool Licensing*

JFS or ODE License?

- JFS license is fine to keep, unless you will apply for Early Childhood Education grant dollars

- If you plan on applying for ECE funds, you will need to apply and get a ODE license, now that you can

- If not applying for ECE funds, keeping JFS license is fine, although eventually we will want Community Schools under ODE license

Who is Eligible?

GROUP 1: Community School sponsors rated exemplary in accordance with section 3314.016 of the Ohio Revised Code

**Please note: This eligibility is not currently available and won't be until sponsor ratings are issued

Who is Eligible?

GROUP 2: Meets following criteria

- Grades 4 – 12 with grade C or above for overall value-added dimension

- Grades 3 and below with grade C or above progress in improving literacy K – 3

- Child care program by school; CBDD

- Did not receive ECE funds previously

***Please note: If not currently eligible, new report cards reset eligibility annually

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Who is Eligible?

GROUP 3: Community school sponsored by a municipal school district and operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori Society, Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education, or Association Montessori Internationale; and did not receive previous ECE funds

Available Funds

Ohio Department of Education Grant: Early Childhood Education

- – Annual competitive grant available to programs in highest needs school districts
- – Online submission where applicant requests a number of slots for funding
- – Allocation method within 12 service areas across state

Early Childhood Education

- High quality preschool
- 3- and 4-year-old children (FY 16) and 4-year old children (FY 17)
- Income eligible families 0 - 200% Federal Poverty Level
- $4,000/slot annually
- Once allocated, slots remain with grantee

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Increased Investment

Before SFY 2014: 5,700 slots statewide

SFY 2014: Added 2,450 new slots (8,150)

SFY 2015: Added 2,940 new slots (11,090)

SFY 2016: Added 3,675 new slots (14,765)

SFY 2017: Will add 2,450 new slots (17,215)

High Quality Settings

- ❑ Districts, Educational Service Centers, Joint Vocational Schools, chartered non-publics, Community Schools, Childcare programs rated at 3, 4, or 5 stars in Step Up to Quality

- ❑ All settings will be highly rated in Step Up to Quality by July 1

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High Quality Services

- 12.5 hours/week high quality Preschool
- Locally selected curriculum aligned to Ohio's Early Learning & Development Standards
- Focus on academic, social, emotional and physical
- Screenings & Assessment are required to ensure kindergarten readiness

Changes Coming in SFY 2017

- Alignment of ECE and Child Care
  - Common application
  - Eligibility
  - Co-pays

- Serving 4 years olds
- Option to extend the day with childcare dollars, which will require a provider agreement with JFS
- 2,450 additional new slots

Technical Assistance

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Professional Development

- Ohio Department of Education sponsors free professional development for Early Childhood providers. Available now!

- Find available opportunities here: https://login.occrra.org/

- Examples include: Formative Assessment, Using technology in the Classroom, Supporting English Language Learners, Early Learning & Development Standards

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- Receive announcements about ECE:
  - 2016-2017 announcement of application
  - Webinar announcements
  - Program & policy updates

Questions?