



THE PLACE WHERE AWESOME LIVES

Early Childhood Connections: Public School *Introduction to Project Approach - Building a Foundation*

Professional Development Opportunity

Public School Fact Sheet: 2018

Kohl Children's Museum is seeking preschool through third grade teachers to learn about and implement the Project Approach in their classrooms using Kohl Children's Museum as a resource and learning laboratory. The program includes a professional development component for teachers, interactive learning experiences for students both in the classroom and at Kohl Children's Museum, an in-school parent/child activity, and a family event and family passes to the museum. Programming content will address the Illinois Learning and Development Standards and Common Core. Teachers who participant will earn 18 hours in continuing education credits.

Focus

To expand the use of the Project Approach into Chicago and Chicago suburb public schools in preschool through third grade classrooms through professional development and field trip opportunities.

Audience

Preschool through third grade teachers who teach children in underserved communities in the Chicago and Chicagoland area.

Application Procedures

All teachers must submit an application form signed by the school principal to participate in the project. Applications must be submitted to Noelle Velasco at the Kohl Children's Museum:

2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, Illinois 60026.

Email: nvelasco@kcmgc.org

Fax: (847) 724-6469

Activities

1. **Participate in Three Professional Development Workshops (Wednesdays).** Participating providers must attend all three workshops **October 17th, December 5th, and March 13th** (8:30-3:30) **OR** **October 24th, December 12th, and March 20th** (8:30-3:30) – Substitutes will be paid for by the museum. Please go through schools normal procedures to arrange a substitute. Schools will need to invoice

the museum for substitute reimbursement, CPS schools will receive a bucket number.

2. **Participate in Evaluation and Assessment:** Museum Project Staff will **observe** participant's classroom prior to the project and after the projects' completion. In addition, participants will be required to complete project descriptions, staff development evaluations, and pre and post project attitude surveys.
3. **Plan, design, conduct and document** a child-centered project between October 2018 through March 2019. Additional support for conducting a project in the classroom will be provided by Museum education staff, including visits to the classroom if necessary.
4. **Select and purchase project materials.** Each teacher will receive \$250 worth of materials to support their projects. Materials are ordered through Kohl Children's Museum and must support project work done in the classroom.
5. **Schedule and attend one Focused Field Trip** to Kohl Children's Museum (October 2018 – February 2019). All field trip and transportation fees will be paid for through the project.
6. **Schedule, coordinate, and conduct one Parent/Child Activity** (Activity kit provided by the museum)
7. **Schedule and participate in one Project Celebration (Weekend) at Kohl Children's Museum** (March 16th, 23rd, or 30th) Transportation fees, if needed, will be paid for by the museum. (Teachers are required to schedule transportation and to bring their project documentation to display at the Museum).

Funding Overview

Project Pays For...
Field Trip Fees
Field Trip Transportation Fees
Parent/Child in School Art Activity Kits
Substitute fees for PD (3 days)
Classroom Materials (\$250)
Family Celebration Facility Fees, Refreshments ,and Transportation Fees



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Please mark one:

☐ **New Participant** ☐ **Past Participant** (please apply to Deepening Project Work)

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of teacher(s) in your classroom: *(if they are also applying)*

Applicant's Email: *(communication is mainly through email)*

School Name: _____

School Address: _____ **City:** _____

Zip code: _____ **County:** _____

School Phone: _____ **Classroom Phone or ext.:** _____

Principal Name: _____

Home Address: _____ **City:** _____

Zip code: _____ **Home/Cell Phone Number:** _____

Grade level *(check all that apply)* : ☐ Head Start ☐ Pre-K ☐ K ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd

Number of children in your care: _____ (a.m.) _____ (p.m.) OR _____ (full day)

% of children in your school on free or reduced lunch: _____ %

(must be 40% or more to be eligible to apply)

Applications are due June 1st, 2018

Explain why you and your students should be selected for participation:

(A minimum of three sentences is required. Please use a separate sheet of paper to expand if needed.)

I should be selected for this grant program because....

Please list the instructional language(s) spoken with students:

How did you hear about Early Childhood Connections?

Are you involved in any other initiatives or grants? Please list

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8. Kohl Children's Museum has my permission to use my testimonials in reports and marketing materials.

Are you committed to participate in the activities mentioned? ☐yes ☐no

Teacher's Signature

Date

Approved: Principal's Signature

Date

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Please mail, fax, or e-mail this form to Noelle Velasco at:

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