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## **Early Childhood Connections: Child Care** ***Introduction to Project Approach - Building a Foundation***

### ***Professional Development Opportunity***

Child Care Providers Fact Sheet: 2019

Kohl Children's Museum is seeking home and center based child care providers to learn about and implement the ***Project Approach*** in their programs utilizing Kohl Children's Museum as a resource and learning laboratory. The project includes professional development; interactive learning experiences for the children both in the home/center and at Kohl Children's Museum; an on-site parent/child activity; and a family event.

Programming is approved by Gateways and connects to content areas by addressing Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards, environments, curriculum design, observation & documentation, professional development, and family involvement. Participants will receive 17 Gateways contact hours for complete participation in the program.

#### **Focus**

To expand the use of the Project Approach into home and center based childcare programs through professional development and field trip opportunities.

#### **Audience**

Family and Center based childcare providers serving children receiving Illinois DHS Child Care Assistance in Cook and Lake County that are in the process of participating in Gateways to Opportunity and ExceleRate Illinois.

#### **Application Procedures**

Applications must be submitted to Amelia Troutman at the Kohl Children's Museum

2100 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, Illinois 60026.

Email: [atroutman@kcmgc.org](mailto:atroutman@kcmgc.org)

Fax: (847) 724-6469

#### **Activities**

1. **Participate in Three Professional Development Workshops (Saturdays).** Participating providers must attend all three workshops **September 28<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup>** (8:30-3:30) - A \$100 stipend and 17 Gateways Contact Hours will be provided at the end of the project.

2. **Participate in Evaluation and Assessment:** Museum Project Staff will **observe** participant's home or center 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 from September 2019 through February 2020. Additional support for conducting a project in the classroom will be offered by the museum's education staff.
4. **Select and purchase project materials.** Each provider will receive \$250 worth of materials to support their projects. Materials will be purchased through the Kohl Children's Museum, and must support project work done in the classroom.
5. **Schedule and attend one Focused Field Trips** to Kohl Children's Museum or at the home or center (October 2019 – February 2020). All field trip and bus/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** (The evening March 7<sup>th</sup> or March 14<sup>th</sup> 2020)  
Bus/transportation fees, if needed, will be paid for by the museum. (Providers are required to schedule the buses and to bring their project documentation to display at the Museum).

#### Funding Overview

<b>Project Pays For...</b>
Field Trip Fees
Bus/Transportation Fees
Parent/Child on-site Art Activity Kits
Stipend to providers for Professional Development (\$100)
Project Materials (\$250)
Family Celebration Facility Fees
Refreshments and Bus Fees



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Please mark one: ☐ Center-Based Provider ☐ Home Daycare Provider

Have you participated in the Intro Project Approach program in the past?

**Yes** *The intro program can't be taken more than once. Please apply to Documentation Clinic.*

**No**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ *(only lake and cook county are eligible)*

Site Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Center Director Name: *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom children's age level: ☐ 1 - 2 years ☐ 3-5 years ☐ 6-8 years

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

Number of children in DHS Child Care Assistance Program: \_\_\_\_\_

*(40% or more of children must be receiving assistance to be eligible for the grant)*

Applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

**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 the children:**

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**How did you hear about early childhood connections?**

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**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Childcare Provider's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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