



2009-2010 Arkansas Better Chance Program

APPLICATION FOR ENHANCEMENT GRANT



The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education is offering the opportunity for classroom and family home based ABC programs to apply for an Enhancement/Improvement Grant. This limited grant program is made possible with one-time carry-forward money available through ABC.

PURPOSE OF GRANT

The grant, if approved, must be used to assist the program in achieving and maintaining Arkansas Quality Approval status or to correct documented licensing deficiencies in the space used for the ABC program.

EXAMPLES OF ALLOWED AND DISALLOWED ITEMS

The Division may add to these lists as necessary. Examples of items which may be purchased include cots/mats, blocks, puzzles, manipulatives, equipment for learning centers, outdoor play materials, ground cover, security cameras and alarm devices for vehicles as required by law.

Items which may NOT be purchased include stoves, ovens, televisions, DVD players and vehicles. The grant may not be used to supplement salaries, repay any debt, or pay for any part of the ABC program designed to be covered by the core model. Violations of this policy shall result in corrective action by the Division, up to and including termination from the ABC program and criminal prosecution for fraud. If there are any questions as to allowable items, contact the Division ABC office.

FUNDING

The maximum amount of available grant funding shall be based on the number of ABC slots allotted in 2009-2010. Center and family home programs may apply up to \$50 per ABC slot allotted in 2009-2010. Only one application per agency will be allowed. The issuance of this application does not guarantee funding to any ABC program. Funding shall be based strictly upon documentation of need according to the PURPOSE OF GRANT listed above. Enhancement Grant Applications will be accepted from the time period of July 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009. No applications will be considered after October 31, 2009. Applications will go to the State Board in December 2009 for payment in January 2010.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Programs applying for this assistance must agree that the ABC program will operate in the improved space for a minimum of two (2) years. By signing this application, the director or superintendent agrees to this stipulation.

REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION

Programs shall be required to report—no later than March 31, 2010—how enhancement grant funds were expended. A report form provided by the Division shall be used for this purpose.

Copies of receipts, purchase orders and other expenditure documentation must be kept on file and produced within 24 hours of a request by a Division representative. Failure to keep or produce proper documentation of enhancement grant expenditures will result in the ABC program repaying the enhancement grant funds and possible exclusion from all DHS programs.

UPON COMPLETION, MAIL APPLICATION TO: Nancy Pearlstein, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-160, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. **No faxed copies will be accepted.**



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AGENCY NAME _____

Address, City and Zip _____

Contact Name & Title _____

Site		# Slots
Site		# Slots
Site		# Slots
		Total Slots

PROGRAM TYPE

- Center/Classroom**
 Family Child Care Home

TYPE OF AGENCY

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> School District | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start | <input type="checkbox"/> Educ. Cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> University-based |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community-based | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based | <input type="checkbox"/> Private, for-profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-profit |

Amount of Funding Requested: \$ _____ The maximum amount you may request is \$50 per ABC child served in 2009-2010.

List the specific items and/or services you will purchase utilizing this enhancement grant. You should first obtain estimates so you will be able to list a cost for each item. Services may include labor charges.

ITEM/SERVICE	COST

EXPENDITURES MUST BE REPORTED BY MARCH 31, 2010. DOCUMENTATION MUST BE KEPT ON FILE AND PRODUCED WITHIN 24 HOURS UPON REQUEST BY DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the information submitted as part of this application is true and correct. If the grant is awarded, I affirm that the funds will not be used for any other purposes except those in the above request. I understand that the program will be required to repay any funds not expended for goods and services deemed inappropriate by the Arkansas Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. I understand that failure to keep proper documentation may result in repayment of funds and possible exclusion from all DHS programs.

School Districts: The Superintendent or Chair of the School Board must sign on behalf of the district.

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME
TITLE	DATE