

Child Care Professional Development Supports

Goal:

The goal of this project is to support both new and existing child care programs within the City of La Crosse by providing financial assistance and opportunities for the required professional development.

Through this project The Parenting Place will host a Child Care Conference and distribute professional development grants for regulated child care providers within the City of La Crosse.

Distribution of Funds:

An estimated \$5,000.00 of the funds will be used to support the upcoming child care professional's conference in May 2024. The funding will be used to secure a location that can accommodate a large number of individuals, food, and speakers.

The remaining funds (estimated \$5,925.00) will be used for a professional development grant program. The grant program will be available to all regulated child care programs within the City of La Crosse.

Grant Process:

All regulated child care programs, or programs going through the regulation process are eligible to apply for this grant. Programs must be in good standing with DCF to be eligible and must be located within The City of La Crosse.

The Parenting Place will open an application period for interested child care programs to apply. Through the application, programs will need to identify how they plan on spending the funding by including the specific professional development trainings they are requesting funding for.

The Parenting Place will review all applications and disperse the funds evenly to the applicants, with priority going to required courses/training to become a regulated provider/teacher. All funds must be spent on DCF approved professional development topics.

Required Grant Reporting:

By the end of the expenditure period (May 31, 2024) or once all grant funds have been spent, applicants must submit an itemized report to The Parenting Place of all grant related expenses along with the impact the grant had on the program. The reporting should include:

- Date of the expense
- Expense description
- Expense amount
- How the funding impacted the child care program

Grant Amounts Based on:

Licensed Family Providers and Certified Family Providers can apply for up to \$50

Licensed Child Care Centers can apply for up to \$300

Licensed School Age Programs can apply for up to \$200

**Amounts awarded may be adjusted slightly depending on amount of applications received*

Priority will be given to programs applying for the required courses and trainings to become a regulated teacher/provider.

Eligible Expenses:

Required courses and trainings:

- Child Care Foundational Trainings
- AHT/SIDS
- CPR
- Mandated Reporting

Other professional development opportunities:

- Must be an approved DCF training topic under rule 251.05(4)(c)6.e

Trainings can be in any form as long as they meet DCF requirements (examples: in-person, virtual, web-based, correspondence, and etc.)

Spending timeframe: All funds must be spent and reported to The Parenting Place by May 31, 2024.