

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Fiscal Year 2012 Training in Child Maltreatment Issues

Request for Application Release Date: June 24, 2011

Grant Application Submission Deadline: July 28, 2011

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education (OSSE/ECE) is responsible for coordinating early childhood education services for District of Columbia children and their families. OSSE/ECE provides subsidized child care services to eligible families with children six (6) weeks through twelve (12) years, with services available for children with disabilities through age eighteen (18). The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977 (DC Official Code § 4-1321.05) mandates that child care providers, among others, must report actual or suspected cases of child maltreatment. Further, it is the policy of OSSE/ECE that any recipient of funds from the OSSE/ECE – administered Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) employ staff trained in recognizing the signs of child maltreatment and knowledgeable in procedures for reporting such cases.

Request for Applications: OSSE/ECE seeks assistance in training up to two hundred (200) early care and education providers on the signs of child maltreatment, policies and procedures for responding to signs of child maltreatment, and reporting incidents or suspected incidents of child maltreatment. The target populations for this training are early child care and education providers in the District of Columbia. Funds in the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars are available to support grants awarded under this Request for Applications (RFA).

Anticipated Number of Awards: The OSSE/ECE seeks to fund one or more grant awards. Should a Grantee fail to achieve the stated goals and objectives described in the individual proposal under this Application that Grantee may be subject to penalties that include, but are not limited to, loss of funding, suspension or termination.

Available Funding for Awards: Funding for the Training in Child Maltreatment Issues RFA is made available through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), from the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and District of Columbia local appropriations. The OSSE/ECE maintains the right to adjust the grant award and amount based on funding availability. The base period of performance will not exceed twelve (12) months from the date of execution of the award. At its option, OSSE/ECE may extend the performance period up to twelve (12) months at a time and may exercise this option up to four times. The total performance period of this grant will not exceed five (5) years, which will be the sum of the one-year base period plus four (4) one-year option periods. Any extension of the performance period, after the base period, is contingent upon compliance with all terms and conditions of the award, program and fiscal requirements, evidence of satisfactory grant

performance and the availability of funds. This Request for Applications (RFA) does not commit the OSSE/ECE to make an award.

Eligibility Criteria: Applicants must be: (1) a non-profit organization in the District of Columbia; (2) licensed to do business in the District of Columbia; and (3) approved by the OSSE/ECE Trainer Approval Program or agree to become approved within six (6) months of the award.

Important Dates: The RFA will be available on June 24, 2011. Applications may be obtained from the Office of the City Administrator (OCA), website, District Grants Clearinghouse link @ <http://capstat.oca.dc.gov/> or the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) website, <http://osse.dc.gov/>. Applications may also be obtained from Mr. Walter Lundy, Jr., Grants Management Specialist for ECE, 810 First Street, NE, 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20002. Please call (202) 727-5045 or send an email to Walter.Lundy@dc.gov. The **deadline for application submission is July 28, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. EST.**

Parties interested in applying for this RFA **are strongly recommended** to attend the Pre-Application Conference that will be held on July 12, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 810 First Street, NE, 4th Floor, Conference Rm. 4002, Washington, DC 20002. Interested parties planning to attend the Pre-Application Conference should RSVP to Mr. Walter Lundy, Jr. via telephone at (202) 727-5045 or via e-mail to Walter.Lundy@dc.gov by COB July 11, 2011.