

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING
WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR**

Agency/Department/Organization Name: Tippecanoe County Child Care, Inc.
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Program Name: Early Care and Education

Funding Category:

Capital Improvement

Public Facilities/Infrastructure _____ Housing _____ Historic Preservation _____

Economic Development _____ other X

Public Services (Limited to 15% of the Grant)

Homeless Services _____ Elderly Services _____ Self-Sufficiency\Work Related\Health
Related _____ other X

Program/Activity Description (Please include target population to be served and what you anticipate to be accomplished by this program or activity).

Tippecanoe County Child Care, Inc. (TCCC, Inc.) operates 4 state licensed Early Care and Education Centers, 2 Cool School After School Enrichment Programs, and The Child Care Resource Network (TCCRN), a resource and referral program for families and providers.

The mission of TCCC, Inc. is to provide and teach the best practices in Early Childhood Care and Education in an inclusive environment, which embraces the development of each individual child. We fulfill our mission by providing families in the Greater Lafayette Community / West Lafayette Communities with affordable high quality early care and education programming that prepares children for success in schools.

Currently TCCC, Inc. is requesting funds to help support our sliding fee scale which is offered to all families with low and moderate incomes. Our sliding fee scales helps to support the numerous families that fall into the gap of their income being too high to qualify for federal funding but too low to afford the full cost of care. During the month of December, there were 283 children enrolled (up 17% from 2010) in our 4 Early Care and Education Centers TCCC, Inc. Of the 283 children enrolled, 83%, or 234 children, were in the low to moderate income level, 55%, or 156 children, received federal funding assistance to help pay for child care and 80%, or 78 children, received reduced child care fees through Tippecanoe County Child Care's sliding fee scale.

With the support of West Lafayette Community Development Block Grant Program, our sliding fee scale will continue to help those families in the Greater Lafayette Community / West Lafayette Communities whose income is too high for federal funding assistance, but too low to afford the full cost of care.

Amount of Funding Requested: \$20,000.00

Anticipated Number of West Lafayette residents to be served: 30 children

Are you meeting your goals for the number of West Lafayette residents served in current program year? X Yes _____ No

If No, please explain:

Total program/activity budget for last calendar/program year\$2,614,185.00

Total agency budget for last calendar/program year: \$4,008,074.00

Other Comments:

TCCC, Inc. utilizes the *Creative Curriculum*® toolkit to provide a play-based approach to the education of young children. This toolkit is research based and offers teachers a framework and resources to help guide their instruction, while meeting children's needs. The Early Care and Education Center environments are student-centered and rich with literacy, math, and science. The *Creative Curriculum*® toolkit also has an assessment system which includes a set of goals and objectives for the children linked directly to the curriculum and focused on all aspects of children's development (social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development).

Each of TCCC, Inc.'s four Early Care and Education Centers go through a strenuous process of becoming and staying accredited through the IAAYC (Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children) or other accredited bodies as well as maintaining Licensing status through the State of Indiana. Currently all four centers maintain licensing status, three centers are currently accredited, and the fourth center is in the process of receiving accredited status.

All sites are participating in Paths to QUALITY (PTQ), a state sponsored, voluntary quality rating and improvement system for licensed child care providers. Three out of the four TCCC, Inc. Early Care and Education Centers has achieved Level 4 status under Paths to QUALITY, the highest rating available, which signifies that the program provides the highest quality child care services possible by meeting the requirements to be accredited. The fourth Center is currently a Level 3 Paths to QUALITY provider, and will continue to work to achieve Level 4 status upon becoming accredited.

Tippecanoe County Child Care's Early Care and Education Center and Cool School After School Enrichment Program locations are as follows:

Tippecanoe Child Care East at Durgan
1840 S 18th Street
6:00am – 6:00pm
Serving children ages 6 weeks to 6 years

Tippecanoe Child Care Wabash Landing
385 Brown Street
6:00am – 6:00pm
Serving children ages 6 weeks to 6 years

Dennis Burton Child Care Center
1200 N 19th Street
6:00am – 6:00pm
Serving children ages 6 weeks to 6 years

After School Programs:

Earhart Elementary School
3820 S 9th Street
2:40pm – 6:00pm
Serving Earhart Elementary School Students

Tippecanoe Child Care Downtown
218 N Ferry Street
6:00am – 6:00pm
Serving children ages 6 weeks to 6 years

Miller Elementary
700 S 4th Street
3:45pm – 6:30pm
Serving Miller Elementary School Students