

## NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF RFP

April 4, 2016

The Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area Board announces the availability of funds for:

*Quality Early Learning Environment Requirement: Programs with Iowa Quality Rating System level of 3, 4 or 5, or are NAEYC-NAFCC accredited, and Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards verified or meet Head Start standards.*

Increase the availability of quality early learning environments that offer center based Evening or Weekend care to working families with children age 0 through 5 years.

The purpose of the funding is to ensure that young children are properly nurtured and stimulated in safe and healthy environments so that they are ready to learn and succeed when they enter school and to increase the availability of quality child care to support parents in obtaining or retaining employment. Funds will be used to support programs that have a positive impact on measures of early education and/or children's health

Any agency or organization providing services to Clinton and Jackson County children age 0-5 and their families are eligible to apply. Funds are available for programs to run July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Questions about the RFP may be submitted to Jenny Kreiter at - [kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov](mailto:kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov) or 563-659-3651.

Applications for funding may be obtained online from the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Area website at: [http://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/Page/Clinton\\_Jackson\\_Early\\_Childhood\\_Iowa.aspx?nt=636](http://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/Page/Clinton_Jackson_Early_Childhood_Iowa.aspx?nt=636)

### Application Timeline

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa reserves the right to adjust this timetable as needed.

Dates	Activity
4-4-16	RFP Issued – Notice sent via email to current providers and known community partners via CPPC email list and posted on the ECI website: <a href="http://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/Page/Clinton_Jackson_Early_Childhood_Iowa.aspx?nt=636">http://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/Page/Clinton_Jackson_Early_Childhood_Iowa.aspx?nt=636</a>
4-15-16	Required Notice of Intent Due Submit via email to <a href="mailto:kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov">kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov</a> A notice of intent is required in order to submit a proposal. If you decided later not to apply that is fine.
5-6-16	Proposal and Budget Due Both the electronic version and hard copies must be received in the Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa office by this date. Email : <a href="mailto:kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov">kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov</a> Mailing address: 226 11th Street, DeWitt, IA 52742

**QUESTIONS:** Any questions about the Proposal or the Process should be submitted via e-mail to [kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov](mailto:kreiter@clintoncounty-ia.gov) . Although I can't provide guidance or advice regarding the Proposal and Process I can clarify as applicable. Answers that I can provide will be sent to all entities that submit a Notice of Intent. Also questions can be answered at the Optional Bidders Conference.

Sincerely, Jenny Kreiter (Director, Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa)