



Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee Meeting

May 19, 2022
Zoom Webinar
11:30am- 1:00pm

Agenda

1. Welcome

2. Updates

A. Abbeville/Greenwood update

- a. IG report May 17, 2022

B. Targeted Grants

- a. *AmeriCorps*
 - i. Existing Site renewal
 - ii. New Interest Application
- b. *Core Functions*
 - i. Support of State Needs Assessment, Strategic Planning and System Collaboration.
 - ii. Enhanced Core Functions Pilot: Family Café' (for current AmeriCorps sites)
- c. *Parenting Programs*
 - i. Parenting Program Expansion Year 3 funding
 - ii. Parents as Teachers Affiliate Support Funds
 - iii. Parents as teachers: Continue/Join Supporting Care Providers through Visits (SCPV)
- d. *Child Care Quality Programs*
 - i. Childcare Technical Assistance Program Expansion: Year 2 funding (existing grantees only)

3. Action Items

A. New Evidenced informed

i. Enhanced Core Function Family Café'

Cafés are evidenced-informed structured discussion groups that use the principles of adult learning and family support. They are highly sustainable with training reinforcement, institutional support, and a commitment to an approach that engages and affirms parents as leaders. Participants leave Family Cafés feeling inspired, energized, and excited to put into practice what they've learned."



Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee recommends approval of the Enhanced Core Function Family Café' evidenced-informed program to be added to the FY23 program listing.

B. New Program Guidelines (See Attachments)

i. FY23 Countdown to 4K (Formerly Reading Rocks) (New)

Countdown to 4K is an evidenced-informed (High Intensity) summer home visitation strategy designed to link incoming 4K students and their families with, ideally, the individual who will serve as their 4K teacher or 4K teaching assistant during the coming year.

ii. FY23 Enhanced Early Education (New)

The Enhanced Early Education is an evidenced-based strategy that seeks to enhance services offered by early childhood classrooms (children aged 3 through 5) through supplemental materials and books distribution to classrooms. These enhancement resources provide important support to students and their families, and are not otherwise provided by their school district, the childcare provider, or other entity.

iii. FY23 Family Café (New)

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iv. FY23 Family Connects (New)

Family Connects is a nurse-based approach to supporting newborns and their families through nurse home visits, connecting families to services in the community, and supporting families with an individual approach to care. All families with children birth to 6 months are eligible for services receive services. Family Connects works with communities to establish implementation and sustainability plans, help establish community networks, and provides training for nurses who will conduct home visits.

Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee approves the new evidenced-based and evidenced-informed program guidelines to begin in the FY23 grant year.



Break for Lunch

C. Updated Programs and Operational Guidelines (See Attachments)

v. **FY23 Countdown to Kindergarten (Updated)**

Countdown to Kindergarten is an evidenced-informed summer home visitation strategy designed to link incoming kindergartners and their families with, ideally, the individual who will serve as their kindergarten teacher or kindergarten teaching assistant during the coming year.

vi. **FY23 Parenting Program Guidelines (Updated)**

Parents as Teachers promotes the early development and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. As a result of its presence in communities, children receive developmental screenings, parents have access to resources, and families gain the opportunity to participate in home visits and group socialization.

vii. **FY23 Core Functions Operational Guideline (Updated)**

See Attached

viii. **Program & Operational Guidelines and updates for FY23 (see attached)**

Operations

- Deadline for data entry shortened from 30 days after the close of the quarter to 10 days
- Addition of language requiring consent forms for data collection
 - a. "A consent and authorization form must be completed and kept on file for all cases entered into the First Steps Data Collection System. Cases enrolled in programs for more than one year should complete a new consent form annually."

Governance

- Renaming of Records Retention Policy/Schedule document for consistency (available on FS website)

Fiscal Accountability

- Addition of language to include "private and non-state funds" for fiscal stewardship compliance
- Clarification of process for excessive carry forward into consequences for first and second year



- a. First Year- written justification/plan approved by state board AND corrective action plan
- b. Second Year- corrective action plan AND subject to withholding of funds

General

- Considering additional language about data collection requirements for private and non-state funded programs
- Strengthening of language for cross-county services (revised "shall" to "are required to" inform, coordinate, and collaborate)

Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee approves the update of the Program and Operational Guidelines and updates as presented to begin in FY23 grant year.

4. Action Item

A. Formula Funding Grant Recommendation (see attached)

- i. Digital copies of any application can be provided as requested.

Motion: The Local Partnership Program and Grants Committee recommends the approval of the Formula Funding grant awards to the First Steps Local Partnerships, excluding Abbeville County First Steps and Greenwood County First Steps.

5. Adjourn- Date of Next Meeting