

GRANT APPLICATION COVER PAGE (Attachment A)

Name of Applicant Organization: Taylor County Public Health

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Is your organization

Private School Public School
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Tax Exempt Status [e. 501 C (3)]: _____

Federal ID#: 42-6004269

Name of Project: Child Care Nurse Consultant

Target Population of Project: Child Care Providers and Preschool in Montgomery County

Category New Project Existing Project

Total amount requested from Boost4Families \$ 3978

In-Kind Contributions \$ \$800

Other funding secured for this project \$ 3391

TOTAL PROGRAM COST \$ \$8169

I certify that I am duly authorized to commit and assurances for the applicant, and therefore agree to comply with all the provisions of the Request for Proposal, and to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete.

Signature of authorized Officer/Director of Applicant

Date

Tami Blunt, RN Administrator
Title

Description of Organization

Taylor County Public Health, governed by the Taylor County Board of Health, is a county government based public health agency dedicated to the provision of quality public health care services. The Maternal Child Health of SW Iowa, (MCH) is a division of Taylor County Public Health which strives to ensure access to health services for children and pregnant women. The MCH program has covered Adams, Montgomery, Page and Taylor Counties since 1987. We do this through oral health outreach, lead poisoning prevention, immunizations, Maternal Health Enhanced Services (prenatal education), Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT Informing and Care Coordination), *hawk-i* outreach, and the Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Purpose of the request

The purpose of the proposal is to secure \$3978 to support the work of the Child Care Nurse Consultant in Montgomery County. The following narrative will demonstrate how the Child Care Nurse Consultant's services supports Boost4Families principles of "all children need to be given the best possible start in life in order to become self-reliant adults; nurtured children become nurturing adults; positive childhood environments create an upward cycle of health, non-violence, and responsibility that is carried forward to each new generation; a wide array of services must be provided in order to fully address diverse social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual needs and promote positive family and community relationships."

What is a Child Care Nurse Consultant?

The Child Care Nurse Consultant is a registered nurse who has completed a nationally recognized comprehensive training designed for health and safety issues that relate specifically to child care settings. Along with the specific child care nurse consultant training, registered nurses are educated in assessment and diagnosis; planning; nursing intervention and the evaluation of nursing outcomes. Our Child Care Nurse Consultant is Loretta Dillon, RN. She completed her Child Care Nurse Consultant training in 2001.

It is the goal of the Child Care Nurse Consultant to improve the quality of the child care setting. This is done through conducting several nursing assessments. The first is a Business Partnership Agreement. This outlines/authorizes the Child Care Nurse Consultant's role in the Child Care Provider's place of business (home or center).

The next tool the Child Care Nurse Consultant uses is the Owner/Director Survey. This helps the Consultant and Provider determine what the Provider's needs are as they relate to health and safety issues. The next three assessment tools can get into the heart of the Child Care Nurse Consultant's work. In FY09, as up March 30, 2009 19 providers completed the Business Partnership Agreement.

The Injury Prevention Checklist looks at the child care setting and evaluates the risk for injury. After a summary of findings is presented to the Child Care Provider/Director, the Provider and Consultant work on a plan of correction. Once that is complete, the Child Care Nurse Consultant re-evaluates the child care setting. In FY09, 2 providers completed the Injury Prevention Checklist to date

The Child Record Review looks at the health record of each child in that particular child care setting. The Child Care Nurse Consultant is looking for the completeness of the health record such as: is there a shot record and is it up to date; is there emergency contact information, does the child have a doctor and dentist, does the child have health insurance, has the child had a recent well child exam, has the child been tested for lead poisoning etc. Once again after a summary of finding is presented to the Child Care Provider/Director, they work together on a

plan of correction. After that is complete, the Child Care Nurse Consultant re-evaluates the records. Eight providers have participated in the assessment as of March 30, 2009.

The final tool is the Health and Safety Assessment. This looks at the Provider's practices such as diapering (where do they change diapers, hand washing, disposal etc), disease management (policies on sick children, hand washing, cleanliness of the eating, play and sleeping areas), and emergency preparedness. After the findings are shared with the Owner/Director and the plan of correction is complete, the Child Care Nurse Consultant will re-evaluate the situation. One provider has reached this level as of March 30, 2009.

Target Population

Child Care Resource and Referral tell us that there are 23 registered providers with 263 slots in Montgomery County. The Quality Rating System (QRS) is a voluntary system that allows child care providers to demonstrate that they are committed to providing quality child care, improve their businesses and receive financial bonuses for achieving certain levels in the system.

Home Providers can earn anywhere from \$400 to \$1000 every two years for their participation in the Quality Rating System depending upon the level achieved. Centers can earn \$400 to \$4000 every two years depending upon their level achieved and the size of their Center.

Adequate funding for the Child Care Nurse Consultant will have an impact on how quickly providers in Montgomery County can have their assessments completed and receive their financial rewards through the Quality Rating System and the Step Up to Quality program.

Project Outcome

Our goal is to have 19 partnership agreements and surveys on file (80% of registered/licensed facilities); 12 (50%) assessments, that is any combination of injury prevention, child record review and health and safety. We also intend to add 3 more providers to the QRS rating system. The Child Care Nurse Consultant will also provide mailings that relate to current health and safety issues, recalls etc. Our toll free number will be available to the providers in order for the Child Care Nurse Consultant to answer their immediate questions.

Through Child Care Resource and Referral the Child Care Nurse Consultant will be available to teach the health and safety chapter of the Child Net course, facilitate ICN training, and present at the annual Child Care Provider Conference in Atlantic.

The Child Care Nurse Consultant will also attend quarterly meeting convened by the Regional Child Care Nurse Consultant as well as attend any other trainings that are deemed pertinent by the Healthy Child Care Iowa Program.

Strategies needed to implement this project

This is an existing program. The Child Care Nurse Consultant will continue to collaborate with the Home Consultant, Developmental Specialist, Human Services, Quality Rating Scale specialist, child care providers, preschools, Boost4Families and any other individual, program or agency that wishes to improve the quality of child care in Montgomery County.

Sustainability and Viability

Since Taylor County Public Health is a Title V Maternal Child Health grantee, we are mandated to employ maintain a .50 FTE RN for the Child Care Nurse Consultant position for our project area. Our project area is Adams, Montgomery, Page & Taylor Counties. This is an unfunded mandate. Our Nurse Consultant Loretta Dillon, RN is .60 FTE. She is funded through a combination of Empowerment money from Adams, Montgomery and Taylor County, Title V, Child Care Resource and Referral and Taylor County tax dollars. Corner Counties Empowerment funds a Nurse Consultant through Page County Public Health for Fremont & Page Counties. If any of these funding sources are reduced, her FTE status will be reduced. This will cause a waiting list for child care providers in all counties and delay their Quality Rating Scale status and incentive money.

How will this program be evaluated?

Quarterly reports will be submitted to the Empowerment Coordinator in October, January, April and July.

We will look at the number of agreements, surveys and assessments completed. Conduct a survey of providers to measure their satisfaction with the Child Care Nurse Consultant's services and measure the number of corrections found at the beginning of each survey against the number of corrections completed after follow up visits are completed.

DETAILED BUDGET SAMPLE (Attachment C)

Please follow the budget format below. Each category must include detail line items such as the examples in italics.

DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES	PROPOSAL REQUEST	OTHER FUNDING (IDENTIFY SOURCE)	OTHER FUNDING (IDENTIFY SOURCE)	IN-KIND MATCH
Salaries: <i>.07FTE \$16.29 per hour</i> <i>154 hrs/year</i> SUBTOTAL	\$2509	\$2038 Title V	\$900 CCR&R	
Benefits: <i>FICA</i> <i>IPERS</i> <i>Other</i> SUBTOTAL 15.43%	\$387	\$453 Title V		
Training/Travel: \$.42 per mile <i>Out of area travel 500</i> <i>In area travel 1600</i> SUBTOTAL 2100 miles	\$882			
Office Supplies: <i>Postage \$50</i> <i>Printing</i> <i>Supplies \$50</i> SUBTOTAL \$100	\$100			
Program Materials: <i>Curriculum</i> <i>Participant materials</i> SUBTOTAL				
Equipment: <i>Purchase</i> <i>Rental</i> <i>Maintenance</i> SUBTOTAL				
Purchased Services: <i>Participant Transportation</i> <i>Facility rental</i> SUBTOTAL				
Subcontract Services: <i>Subcontract with other agencies</i> SUBTOTAL				
Other: Phone \$100 SUBTOTAL \$100	\$100			
Indirect Cost (not to exceed 8%)				\$800
TOTALS	\$3978	\$2491	\$900	\$800

