2010/2011
Creating Great Starts
Application and Participation Agreement

Eligible Participants:
Licensed Childcare Providers
Preschool Educators

The Sutter County Children & Families Commission recognizes that children are our most valuable resource. The first five years of a child’s life are critical; they grow and learn at an extraordinary pace. The SCCFC is committed to supporting the efforts of caregivers to improve the quality of early care and education for children in Sutter County. The SCCFC has allocated $30,000 in funding for the Creating Great Starts program for FY 2010/2011.

California voters passed Proposition 10 (the Children and Families First Act) in 1998, adding a 50 cents per pack tax on tobacco products to support programs for expectant parents and children ages birth to five. The SCCFC funds an array of programs to improve the health, development and school readiness of children in Sutter County.
What is Creating Great Starts?

- Professional growth workshops for childcare providers and early educators. Workshop materials will focus on nutrition and physical activity.
- A series of four classes for licensed childcare providers. Attendance at all class dates is mandatory. Class dates for 2010/2011 are:
  - Saturday October 9, 2010 – 8am-5pm – Be Choosy, Be Healthy Curriculum presented by Patty Kimbrell
  - Tuesday, January 11, 2011 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm, topic to be announced
  - Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 8a-5pm
    - Morning Session – Nurtured Heart Approach to Discipline presented by Trey Anderson
    - Afternoon Session – The Amazing Brain, Brain Development presented by Pat Wolfe
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- The course will provide:
  o Be Choosy Be Healthy Kit (from Lakeshore – includes music, activity cards, physical activity supplies, Lunch book) and a soft plush Choosy character
  o 20 professional growth hours (will include training on use of kit, brain development, local resources, discipline, physical activity, nutrition) attendance sheets are provided to Children’s Home Society
  o 10 Nutrition/physical activity themed books
  o Hard copies of nutrition and physical activity themed curriculum, parent send home information, recipes etc., related to books
  o Access to online resources related to books
  o An option for providers that are accepted to the program to bring an aide or other site staff to the all day workshops. Preregistration will be required and there will be a nominal fee to cover lunch.

The goals of Creating Great Starts are:
1. to integrate movement and healthy eating choices into daily classroom routines and curriculum.
2. to provide early childhood educators with quality professional growth opportunities.

Who is eligible for Creating Great Starts?

- Licensed Childcare providers, preschool educators located in Sutter County.
- One provider per location. Organizations with multiple sites can choose one participant per location to apply/attend based on class space availability.
- Creating Great Starts will be limited to 30 participants.

Application Process

- Submit a complete original application and a copy of your license to the Commission office by Friday June 4, 2010 12noon. Do not add additional pages to your application.

Office location and mailing address: Sutter County Children & Families Commission 1527 Starr Drive Suite O, Yuba City, CA 95993
• Applications may be reviewed by a review committee that may be comprised of Commissioners, Commission Staff and/or Community members. The committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications and making recommendations to the Commission. The review committee will consider the following –
  o Overall quality of the application
  o Past mini grant performance
  o Past attendance in Commission programs
  o License status

The Commission is the final authority regarding the approval or disapproval of mini grant funding. The Commission will not hear appeals.

**Participation and Attendance**
Creating Great Starts is limited to 30 providers. There are four class dates and attendance is mandatory for continued mini grant program participation and to receive curriculum and materials. The class dates are listed below so that you can calendar them now.
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If you notify the Commission office in advance you may for one class only, send a representative in your place. In the event of an emergency that prevents you from attending a provider class you must notify the Commission office in advance.

**SCCFC CONTACT INFORMATION**
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The Commission may, at its sole discretion, reject any or all applications submitted in response to this document. The Commission also reserves the right to cancel this offer at its sole discretion at any time. The Commission shall not be liable for any costs incurred in connection with the preparation of any application submitted in response to this document. Any applications, including attached materials, submitted in response to this document shall become property of the Commission.
SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION  
Provider Education Participation & Attendance Agreement  
2010-2011

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**AS THE APPLICANT, I CERTIFY THAT:**

- I acknowledge that participation in an SCCFC provider education program is considered a Commission Mini Grant. SCCFC strives through ongoing evaluation to continually improve SCCFC programs. I agree to participate fully in Commission evaluation efforts and site visits applicable to this mini grant.
- I acknowledge that to participate in a Sutter County Children & Families Commission Provider Education class I must be a licensed provider in Sutter County. I must attach a copy of my license to my application. My license must be in good standing with Community Care Licensing and have no current complaints, violations or administrative actions pending.
- I acknowledge that attendance at every provider class is **mandatory** for continued mini grant program participation and to receive provider supplies and class materials.
- I agree this is a public process and all documents submitted are subject to public review.
- I will not hold Sutter County Children & Families Commission or the County of Sutter liable for any loss, accident or legal dispute arising from the grant processor actions implementing a grant award.
- I will be solely responsible for my actions, and not hold Sutter County Children & Families Commission or the County of Sutter responsible for the actions of others, for legal matters ensuing from all aspects of the grant process.
- To the best of my knowledge data provided in this application is true and accurate. I agree that if I misrepresent the items contained in this application or do not use the materials identified and purchased for children aged 0-5 in Sutter County I will reimburse the Commission any funds expended on my behalf.
- I acknowledge that the Commission is the final authority regarding the approval or disapproval of mini grant funding. The Commission will not hear appeals.
- I understand that if the application I submit is not complete or submitted by the deadline of Friday June 4, 2010 it will not be considered for participation.
- I agree to attend all provider meetings and to the program terms and conditions of participation as outlined in the provider education application.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Print Name: ___________________________
Please tell us about the children registered at your site.

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**Family Day care sites include your own children if under age 6.

**Totals of Ethnicity and Language must be the same as total number of children 0-5 served.

Please tell us why you want to participate in a provider education program.

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Please tell us about yourself and your site.

Education
- GED
- High School Graduate
- ECE Certificate
- AA/AS Degree
- BA/BS Degree

How many ECE units have you completed? __________

How long have you been working in the childcare field? _________________________

Do you currently use a “prepared” curriculum program? YES NO
If so which curriculum: ________________________________________________________

Why did you choose the curriculum?
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Do you currently conduct “daily structured” physical activities? YES NO
If so, what type and how often:
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Does your site have “formal” nutrition policies? For example a nutrition policy sheet that is posted or provided to parents. YES NO
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Have you ever had a rating scale (ECERS/ITERS/FCERS) completed? YES NO
Is yes, which scale, who conducted the rating scale and when was it completed?
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Please tell us about your professional goals.
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Thank you!