



Preschool Development Birth Through Five Initial Grant Awards

The Office of Child Care (OCC) would like to congratulate the 45 states and territories who received a Preschool Development Birth Through Five (PDG B-5) Initial Grant Award at the end of December.

The PDG B-5 grants, which differ significantly from the previous Preschool Development Grants, are designed to fund states and territories to conduct a comprehensive statewide birth through five needs assessment, followed by in-depth strategic planning, while enhancing parental choice and expanding the current mixed-delivery system consisting of a wide range of provider types and settings, including child care centers and home-based child care providers, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, state prekindergarten (preK) programs, and home visiting service providers across the public, private, and faith-based sectors.

Specifically, PDG B-5 grants will support states and territories to do the following:

- Develop, update, or implement a strategic plan—based on what is learned from their thorough, statewide B-5 needs assessment—that facilitates collaboration and coordination among existing programs of early childhood care and education within a statewide mixed-delivery system to prepare low-income and disadvantaged infants, toddlers, and young children to enter kindergarten.
- More efficiently use existing federal, state, local, and nongovernmental resources to align and strengthen the delivery of existing programs; coordinate delivery models and funding streams within the state's or territory's mixed-delivery system; and develop recommendations to better use existing resources.
- Encourage partnerships among Head Start programs, child care and preK providers, state and local governments, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, private entities (including faith- and community-based entities), and school systems.
- Improve transitions between early childhood and school systems.
- Maximize parental choice and knowledge about the state's and territory's mixed-delivery system of early childhood education program providers.

States and territories were invited to be innovative in planning, designing, enhancing, and evaluating their early childhood care and education mixed-delivery systems. They were also strongly encouraged to engage and develop their application jointly with a full range of early childhood stakeholders, including partners at the local community level and parents, to engage in system design and development that best meets the needs of families and their young children, particularly low-income and disadvantaged children.

Grant awards range between \$538,000 and \$10,620,000, depending on state and territory proposed plans. The grant performance period will run from December 31, 2018, through December 30, 2019. States and territories that receive this grant award will also be given the opportunity to apply for renewal grants prior to the end of 2019.

Questions about these PDG B-5 awards should be directed to Richard Gonzales at richard.gonzales@acf.hhs.gov.

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Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education	\$10,620,000
Alaska Department of Education and Early Development	\$2,617,353
Arizona Department of Education	\$1,396,806
Arkansas Department of Human Services	\$3,506,749
California Department of Education	\$10,620,000
Colorado Department of Human Services	\$5,801,793
Connecticut Office of Early Childhood	\$8,591,087
Delaware Department of Education	\$4,236,837
District of Columbia Education Office	\$10,620,000
Florida Department of Education	\$8,520,000
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning	\$2,961,044
Hawaii Department of Human Services	\$965,530
Illinois Office of the Governor	\$3,702,937
Indiana Family and Social Services Administration	\$6,895,336
Iowa Department of Management	\$2,190,119
Kansas Department of Education	\$4,482,305
Commonwealth of Kentucky	\$10,620,000
Louisiana Department of Education	\$7,100,000
Maine Department of Education	\$1,011,080
Maryland Department of Education	\$10,618,584
Massachusetts Executive Office of Education	\$1,801,346
Michigan Department of Education	\$5,058,813
Minnesota Department of Education	\$4,705,603
Mississippi Community College Board	\$10,620,000
Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services	\$4,208,250
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	\$4,141,560
Nevada Department of Education	\$606,515
University of New Hampshire	\$3,843,557
New Jersey Department of Children and Families	\$10,620,000
New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families	\$5,374,596
New York Office of Children and Family Services	\$8,732,006
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	\$4,486,842
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction	\$2,275,771
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services	\$10,486,896
Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Foundation, Inc.	\$3,116,729
Oregon Department of Education	\$4,257,418
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$10,553,711
Rhode Island Department of Human Services	\$4,194,057
South Carolina Department of Social Services	\$3,453,679

Texas Education Agency	\$1,789,455
U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services	\$725,112
Utah Department of Workforce Services	\$538,000
State of Vermont	\$3,363,695
Virginia Department of Education	\$9,900,948
Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families	\$5,270,656