

Service Continuity & Early Learning Hub Funding Proposal

During the 2013-15 biennium, there will be a transition period between when the Commission on Children and Families (OCCF) structure no longer exists and when the new Early Learning Hubs are ready to provide services to their communities. Below are potential funds regarding the Service Continuity of the OCCF funds while we are in transition to the new Early Learning Hubs, as well as the funding proposal for the new Early Learning Hubs.

- The Early Learning Council will continue to contract directly with the counties for Healthy Start.
- The Early Learning Council will continue to contract directly with service providers for Relief Nurseries (put process in place to sole source to Relief Nurseries)
 - All Healthy Start and Relief Nursery funding that were part of County Flexible Funds will be combined in a funding allocation to the program (some counties used other funding streams to supplement HS and RN; our proposal would be to simply move that money from the original streams to HS and RN).
 - Healthy Start ~ \$587,000
 - Relief Nursery ~ \$125,000
- One year of Service Continuity for all OCCF flexible funding (less the amounts directed to Healthy Start & Relief Nurseries), with the exception of the Basic Capacity Funds.
 - Children Youth and Families
 - Family Preservation
 - Great Start
- Former Basic Capacity (\$10M in GRB) will be broken down into 3 sources:
 - \$10,000 per county to provide financing, contracting, and data entry on the OCCF funds. Provide minimal compensation to simply pass funds through to contractors they have already selected.
 - \$4.5 million will go to the Early Learning Hubs for start-up/staffing/build out. This funding will be allocated within the RFP process across the (up to 16) hubs.
 - \$5.0 million will go to the Innovation & Partnership fund.
- Any increases in the former OCCF program funds from 2011-13 to 2013-15 will go to the Early Learning Council as Early Learning Hub resources in 14-15 for deployment within the RFP process. The GRB increased slightly allocations to Great Start (\$94,761) and Children, Youth, and Families (\$95,759).
- Other potential funding
 - Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant has \$350,000 in calendar year 2014 and \$325,000 in calendar year 2015 allocated to the Early Learning Hubs. These funds cannot be used for direct services and must be used toward the outcomes of the grant, which are focused on system building, improved quality, parent engagement, and kindergarten readiness.