



A Program of the Children's Coalition  
for Northeast Louisiana

## Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana School Readiness Tax Credits 2018-2019 Infant Materials Grant

### Description of Grant:

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana, with funding obtained from the **School Readiness Tax Credits**, is offering a grant that will provide Type III Early Learning Centers with developmentally appropriate materials for Infant Classrooms.

The purpose of this grant is to provide infant child care classrooms in Type III Early Learning Centers with developmentally appropriate materials for Infant Classrooms to promote interactions that will improve child outcomes. The **Infant Materials Grant** designed for **classrooms that serve children 6 weeks to 18 months of age** to help teachers to prepare and be ready for the start of Infant CLASS Observations.

### Eligible Applicants must:

- Currently hold a Type III License as an Early Learning Center from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).
- Current Academic Approval from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).
- May not be school system program, Head Start or Early Head Start program.

### Applicants will provide the following:

- Type III License as an Early Learning Center from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).
- A copy of the Early Learning Center's current certificate of Academic Approval from the LDOE.
- The director or owner must complete the grant application and agree to the terms of the grant.
- The Director/Lead teacher must complete the attached written narrative explaining how they believe the **Infant Materials** will promote teacher-child interactions to support infant engagement & development during playtime and encourage infants' early language development.

### Grant Awards:

Centers that are awarded the grant must ensure the following:

1. Classrooms awarded the grant will receive the materials over a series of coaching sessions with the TA/coach assigned to the center. During each coaching session, the TA/coach assigned to the center will train and model how to use the different materials to promote interactions that will support infant engagement & development while encouraging early language development with the teacher.

### Submit the Grant Application to:

The Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana

Attn: Aven Ford  
1363 Louisville Ave.  
Monroe, LA 71201

Email: [aford@childrenscoalition.org](mailto:aford@childrenscoalition.org)

Fax: 318-323-1150

Applications may be faxed, however, it is the center's responsibility to confirm receipt.

Applications DUE: Friday, November 2, 2018

**Determination Process:**

This is a "universal" grant however funds allocated for this grant are limited. Once the funds are exhausted for this grant it will close out. It is the desire of the Children's Coalition to provide Type III centers in our region with the support (through training, materials and coaching) that is needed to succeed in providing children with quality early care and education experiences.

Applications for the **Infant Materials Grant** are due by November 2, 2018 and will be processed within 10 calendar days.

If any required information is not submitted with the application, or if additional information is needed, you will be notified and given 24 hours to submit the required information. If the requested information is not received within 24 hours, consider the grant request terminated.

If the application is approved, the center Director will be notified in writing via a grant award letter/email.

The TA/coach will then schedule the series of coaching sessions with the teacher to introduce the materials



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## Infant Materials Grant Application

**Applications DUE: November 2, 2018**

Complete this form and attach the following:

- **Type III License** as an Early Learning Center from Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
- A copy of the Early Learning Center's current **certificate of Academic Approval** from the LDOE.
- Complete and answer the narrative sheet for the **Infant Materials**

### To Be Completed by Child Care Owner/Director

Name of Child Care Owner/Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Child Care Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

License # \_\_\_\_\_ Licensed Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Infant Classrooms (serving the majority of ages 6 weeks to 18 months): \_\_\_\_\_

CCR&R Coach \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to allow the Children's Coalition for Northeast Louisiana CCR&R coach to provide coaching including but not limited to guidance on strategies to promote high quality teacher-child interactions.**

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Narrative Sheet: Infant Materials Grant

Center Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: **Answer the following question.**

1. Briefly explain how the developmentally appropriate infant materials will help the teacher to interact with infants during playtime that will support infant involvement and development in the classroom.