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COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CAPACITY BUILDING APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY COHORT 3

This application is for participation in Montana Child Care Business Connect’s Community Cohort 3 which will operate for 6 months beginning March 6, 2024. Up to ten communities will be accepted into the third Community Cohort. After the first review of your application the review committee will set up a call with your Core Team to address any questions regarding your responses below and explain the expectations and deliverables for the Cohort process prior to the review committee making final decisions.

Applications will be accepted from January 22th, through February 16th, 2024.

For questions please contact Community Navigator, Shelby Whelan at shelbyw@zerotofive.org

MAIN CONTACT (CORE TEAM LEAD):

Name:	Email:
Title:	Organization:
Address:	Phone:
City/Zip Code:	County:

1. Are you a recipient of the Child Care Innovations and Infrastructure Grant?

2. What is your community or area of focus?

(eg. City, County, section of the city, multiple counties)

3. What are the top three child care challenges in your community?

- Child care desert (can meet less than 30% of potential demand)
- Lack of affordable options
- Lack of child care facilities
- Limited quality standards
- Limited infant care
- Impact of limited child care on parents ability to work
- Lack of coordination and alignment across child care collaborators
- Other: _____

4. Commitments:

- Can you commit to having at least 2 people from your team join a monthly virtual call? YES NO
- Can the team lead and at least 1 other team member attend the **in-person** Kickoff event in Butte, MT March 6th and 7th? (mileage and lodging compensated) YES NO

LIST OF COLLABORATORS ENGAGED IN THIS WORK CURRENTLY (CORE TEAM):

Each of which will be listed and initial the MOU to insure a team wide understanding of the process moving forward.

Name	Title	Organization/Representation	Email

1. Have you or your team gathered any community input or data? *(If yes, please explain)* YES NO

2. Have you or your team hosted any community meetings on child care? *(If yes, please explain)* YES NO

3. What are the key motivators for you to participate in this program (select up to three)?

- Information gathering
- Networking with other communities across the state
- Community development training/professional development
- Increased child care providers and/or facilities
- Strategic planning
- Tips on engaging the community in project development
- Public relations to encourage employer supported child care
- Technical assistance
- Other: _____

4. What do you hope to gain from participating in the Cohort? (please list at least three potential gains)

5. At this current point in time, how strong is the community team's existing capacity in the following areas (1 is fairly weak and 5 is very strong)?

- ___ Data collection: how to collect community information (e.g., surveys, interviews, focus groups)
- ___ Data analysis: making sense of the data/how to use for planning and implementation
- ___ Different child care business models (co-ops, hub/pod, employer supported, etc.)
- ___ Facilitating community engagement and input
- ___ Community asset mapping
- ___ Developing an action plan
- ___ Managing implementation
- ___ Measuring community change

IF YOU ARE A RECIPIENT OF THE CHILD CARE INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS) YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE.



Only complete if you are not a recipient of the Child Care Innovation and Infrastructure Grant for the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS).

Planning grant funds are available to support community-level planning and access to technical assistance, consultation, and resources. Each community may apply for a planning grant up to \$5,000 to supplement costs associated with activities such as core team convening, community wide meetings, data collection, and action/business plan development.

1. What other funding opportunities have you secured or explored for child care capacity building work?
(please explain)

2. What organization will serve as your fiscal agent to receive funds?

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS:

(eg. feasibility study, business plan development, data collection, supplement salary)

Category	Description	Amount	Total
Materials/Supplies			
Stipend/Personnel			
Training/Professional Development			
Data Collection			
Action/Business Plan Development			
Other (specify in description)			
		TOTAL	