



PATCH EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Ca\$h for Caring Programs!

PATCH is pleased to once again offer the Early Learning Enhancement Project - *Ca\$h for Caring Program!* The goal is to offer licensed family child care providers or home child care providers pursuing child care licensing the opportunity to receive support towards increasing the quality of their child care program.

Reimbursement grants of up to \$250 are available to eligible family child care providers or potential providers. There may be exceptions dependent on available monies per round. Grant awards cover the Island of Hawaii and are limited to one home per round. Award amount will depend on the volume of applicants with eligible purchases. Eligible purchases are those that relate to child care program improvements and/or professional development costs, including workshop/training fees, equipment or curriculum purchases, program supplies, etc.

Ca\$h for Caring purchases must be made between August 1, 2016 – December 15, 2016 for the first round. Second round purchases must be made between January 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017. Priority will be given to those applicants who are currently participating in the USDA Food Program. Continued funding for the second round is contingent upon monies available from previous round. Awards will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Eligibility & Criteria

Licensed Family Child Care Provider

- Currently licensed by the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services; AND
- Has attended at minimum 15 hours of Early Childhood Education Workshops or ECE college credits within the past 2 years. Copies of completion certificates for workshops or college transcripts need to be included with application (participants may not use workshops or courses previously submitted for *Ca\$h for Caring*); AND
- 250-word statement of how the funds were used to increase the quality of the child care program.

Home Child Care Provider Pursuing Licensing

- Currently pursuing child care licensing through DHS and actively participating in the PATCH Family Child Care Recruitment Program (i.e. working in cooperation with the PATCH Family Child Care Recruiter and/or actively participating in the Basic Series); AND
- Has attended at minimum 15 hours of Early Childhood Education Workshops or ECE college credits within the past 2 years. Copies of completion certificates for workshops or college transcripts need to be included with application (participants may not use workshops or courses previously submitted for *Ca\$h for Caring*); AND
- 250-word statement of how the funds were used to increase the quality of their child care program.

Submit completed application to PATCH. Must be postmarked by December 15, 2016 (first round), April 30, 2017 (second round).

**PATCH-East Hawaii
26 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720
808-961-3169**

PLEASE NOTE: Preference will be given to first time applicants, newly licensed providers and those on the USDA Food Program. Applications from those who have previously applied for and received *Cash for Caring Programs* funding will be considered on a secondary basis. Receipts must be included with the application form and dated within the first or second round.

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Application Form

HAWAII ISLAND



Please complete this form and submit with receipt/s and any supporting documentation. Receipts should be itemized and/or highlighted to show relevant purchase/s. Supply is limited and based on the availability of funds. We will attempt to contact you regarding an incomplete application. However, we will not be responsible for, nor will we accept, incomplete applications.

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone		Email Address
DHS License Number (if applicable)		Years in Operation

In the space below, please provide a 250-word statement of how the funds were used to increase the quality of your child care program. Please use additional paper if necessary.

You must meet the following criteria to be eligible for this program.

- I am currently licensed by the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services
- AND**
- I have attended at least 15 hours of professional development workshops (copies of certificates of completion for these workshops are included with application) within the last 2 years.

OR

- I am currently pursuing child care licensing through the Department of Human Services and am currently participating in the PATCH Family Child Care Recruitment Program or actively participating in the Basic Series.
- AND**
- I have attended at least 15 hours of professional development workshops (workshop completion certificate copies are included with this application) in the last 2 years.

I hereby attest that all information furnished in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If there is a need for more information in order to determine my eligibility, I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain and supply the additional documentation. I also authorize PATCH to use my name on any printed or electronic material disseminated by PATCH to promote its programs to the public.

Signature

Date