

## Child Care Stabilization Grant



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Early childhood providers are eligible to receive an operating support payment to help promote stable and sustained operations of child care in communities across North Dakota.

A monthly base level payment **\$25 per child served per month** will be available to all licensed child care providers who certify enrollment on a monthly basis. Certification will be available to programs through a Monthly Renewal Grant located in the Quality Dashboard of their Growing Futures Organization Account. Programs will be **REQUIRED** to report how funds were spent every 30 days prior to applying for the next month.

Additional tiers of support payments per month:

- \$50 per child served will be available if a program operates in an under-served community;
- \$250 per infant and toddler served;
- \$250 per infant and toddler participating in CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) **AND** the program is Bright & Early ND rated (Step 2-4);
- \$250 per child served during non-traditional hours for essential workers **AND** listed with Child Care Aware of ND's referral database.

Providers that have been approved to receive the Child Care Stabilization Grant must 'apply' for this grant each month for up to 12 months to continue receiving payments. Stabilization payments are available for up to 12 months while funding is available; funding cap (maximum) is \$225,000 per program. Providers can apply for all tiers of support, if applicable.

## Stabilization Monthly Renewal Grant

Appears **ONLY** after your first Child Care Stabilization Grant application is complete.



### Stabilization Monthly Renewal Grant

Early childhood providers are eligible to receive monthly payments to promote a stable and sustained operation of child care in communities across North Dakota. Each program applicant will be **REQUIRED** to report how they spent the funds **20-30 days** after payment is processed.

Providers that have been approved to receive the Child Care Stabilization Grant must 'apply' for this grant each month for up to 12 months to continue receiving payments. Stabilization payments are available for up to 12 months while funding is available; funding cap (maximum) is \$225,000 per program.

## Health & Safety Grant and Technology Improvement Grant



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**Health & Safety Grants up to \$10,000** Programs who are interested in making improvements to their program that would help improve both COVID-indicated and overall health and safety practices.

Each program applicant will be **REQUIRED** to report how they spent the funds 90 days after payment is processed. Contact a Health & Safety Consultant at Child Care Aware of ND for information and assistance on putting together a thoughtful funding request.

**Technology grants up to \$3000** for child care providers to better connect to training, professional development, CCAP reimbursement, and licensing systems. Each program applicant will be **REQUIRED** to report how they spent the funds 90 days after payment is processed.

## Child Care Start-Up Grant



### Child Care Start-Up Grant

Opportunities to apply for a startup grant will be available to recently licensed (license dated within 60 days of application submission) or soon-to-be licensed early childhood programs. Grants may also be available to programs that are expanding their child care license capacity.

Program must have had required inspection, an on-site licensor visit and begun the licensing application before submitting an application or have a licensed date within 60 days of application and agree to work with a Building Quality coach during start-up period.

Awards will be tiered based on proposed size, type and location of the program start-up or expansion.

## Quality Improvement Grant



### Quality Improvement Grant

Quality Improvement Grants are available to early childhood programs licensed or approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to support investments in quality. This grant may be used to purchase materials and supplies that will enhance the learning environment, to offset costs of curriculum and assessment use, and to support professional development opportunities for program staff.

This grant is delivered post-Quality Rating and measured by the program receiving their desired Quality Rating. Programs applying for this grant must have a Bright & Early ND Step 2-4 Quality Rating issued on or after September 1st, 2021. This grant is supported by the program's Continuous Quality Improvement Plan.

## Inclusion Support Grant



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The Inclusion Support Program provides grant funding and technical assistance to licensed early childhood providers in North Dakota who indicate that they are or will provide care for children with disabilities or developmental delays.

A child with disabilities or who is at risk for developmental delays includes any child between the ages of birth and twelve years who receives support through either public or private services and includes a child who is in the process of being evaluated for formal support. A child who is at risk for developmental delays includes any child between the ages of birth and twelve years who received foster care services; who has a previous substantiated history as a victim of child abuse, neglect, or domestic violence; who is homeless; who has documented special health care needs; or who has a parent with a significant disability.

This grant is designed to help both home and center-based providers create and maintain an inclusive environment that supports children with disabilities or developmental delays to learn, grow, play, and develop alongside their peers in an inclusive setting.

**Grant Funding Eligibility:**

Any licensed or self-declared early childhood service provider, or those in the process of licensing who indicate that they are or will provide care for children with disabilities or developmental delays can apply for grant funding through the Inclusion Support Program. Grantees will be assigned an Inclusion Specialist to assist with technical assistance and funding guidance.

Grant funding can be used for these purposes:

- Support the staffing needs aimed at providing targeted care for children with disabilities or developmental delays. (Up to \$24,000/year)
- Modifying a childcare setting to accommodate children with diverse abilities and needs (building ramps, widening doors, etc.) - (Up to \$5,000).
- Purchase of equipment for children with special needs (Up to \$1,000).