



Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education



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Dear Arkansas Early Childhood Education Providers:

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE) would like to take a moment to thank each of you for the countless hours of service you have provided to the children and families in Arkansas. Your commitment is both appreciated and valued.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) released a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants last year. DCCECE submitted an application for Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership funds in August 2016. We are pleased to announce that we have received a Notice of Award from ACF for \$3,801,625.00.

DCCECE has released a Request for Application (RFA) to fund Head Start/Early Head Start agencies to establish Community Hubs. Through a partnership with DCCECE, the Community Hubs, which are the Head Start/Early Head Start Grantees, will partner directly with child care providers to:

- ✓ provide comprehensive services
- ✓ create, support, and monitor quality improvement plans to move providers to full implementation of Head Program Performance Standards within 18 months from the start of the grant award, and
- ✓ address the needs of families as outlined in the Head Start Program Performance Standards

A copy of the RFA can be found at:

<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/Pages/procurementDetails.aspx?show=547>

All communications for this matter must be submitted to the DHS- Office of Procurement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steven McKnight at Steven.McKnight@dhs.arkansas.gov or 501-682-2299.

Sincerely,

DCCECE