



Child Care Resource and Referral of Multnomah County

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Dear Child Care Program Director/Owner:

This letter is to announce the *Community Childcare Initiative (CCI)*. CCI is funded by the Portland Children's Levy from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019 and is an opportunity for qualifying child care facilities to receive financial resources for low-income families and create a stable income base by promoting continuity of care for families at 200% of poverty or below. CCR&R staff will work alongside qualifying programs to assist with this initiative. Please see accompanying brochure for benefits and background information.

CCR&R staff will determine the financial resource amount based on family need, ensuring that participating families pay no more than 15% of their gross income for child care costs. CCR&R will administer child care financial resources to child care programs that meet the following criteria:

- Have a current license from the State of Oregon Office of Child Care
- Are listed or are willing to become pre-listed and accept State of Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) child care subsidies
- Program is located within Portland city limits
- Serve families residing within Portland city limits
- Have not had any complaints substantiated by the State of Oregon Office of Child Care in the past year
- Are participating in Oregon's QRIS and are working to enhance the program's quality

Preference is given to centers which provide care for infants/toddlers, *or* care for children with special needs, *or* are cultural-specific providers¹.

If you would like to be considered for the CCI program, complete the enclosed Letter of Interest (LOI). You can expect to hear back from us within a few weeks regarding the status of your LOI. Along with the completed LOI you will need to submit a copy of your child care liability insurance.

Sincerely,

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¹ For the purposes of this document, the definition of "cultural-specific" comes from the Coalition of Communities of color of Multnomah County. The definition is: The majority of agency clients served are from each respective community of color; e.g., African-American, Asian-Pacific Islander, Native American, Latino, African, Slavic, etc.; organization environment is culturally focused and identifiable by consumer; preponderance of bilingual and/or bicultural staff as determined by respective community; established and successful community engagement and involvement with the culturally-specific community being served.

