



# Johnson County Empowerment/Early Childhood Iowa Area Quality Improvement Program Application

Name

Business/Program Name

Phone Number

Email

Address

City

Zip

County

## Eligibility Requirements

- Programs must be Licensed Child Care Centers, Registered Child Development Homes, or high quality family support programs located in Johnson County Iowa.
- Early care and education programs must demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement as identified by participation in IQ4K, NAEYC or NAFCC accreditation.
- Family support programs must demonstrate commitment to continuous quality improvement by utilizing evidence-based curriculum, implementing quality individual- and group-based strategies, and meeting the Iowa Family Support Credential or equivalent standards.
- Registered Child Development Homes that receive FY26 Infant Equipment and/or FY26 Outdoor Play Surfacing Grants may not utilize this funding for those purposes. Programs may apply for this funding for other allowable purposes.
- Registered Child D

## Duties and Responsibilities

- Participants must meet eligibility requirements listed above.
- Applicants must be providing services to families with children prenatal through age 5 that reside within Johnson County.



- A verified quote must be provided for items of interest for grant.
- Participation in JCE/ECIA Quality Improvement grant requires sent documentation or a possible site visit conducted by the JCE/ECIA Director or board member, proving service was utilized to fidelity.
- CCR&R and/or CCNC may consult on recommendations.
- Once my application is received, 4Cs will confirm eligibility.
- If approved for JCE/ECIA Quality Improvement grant, applicants will receive an approval letter/email with the award amount from 4Cs.
- Participants must report outputs and outcomes as defined in this application.
- Participants must follow allowable listed items and utilize consultation/education information if necessary.
- Participants must report change in condition questions provided after service is complete.
- Approved items may be purchased starting **March 2, 2026 and all expenditures must occur prior to June 15, 2026.**
- Participants will have up to fifteen (15) days after receiving JCE/ECIA Quality Improvement grant approval letter/email to confirm participation in the program.
- JCE/ECIA Quality Improvement grant cannot be used to reimburse for another grant program. Participants may not receive federal dollars from another program and then submit those items for JCE/ECIA Quality Improvement grant funding. JCE/ECIA is not liable if participants submit reimbursement paid by other federal funds.
- Participants must work with 4Cs to complete reimbursement documents before expenses will be reimbursed.
- Payment will be issued within sixty (60) days of submission of all completed documents.
- I understand that if I no longer provide qualifying services, I must contact 4Cs and I will no longer qualify to participate in this program.

I have read the Duties and Responsibilities section of this application. I understand that I may cancel my participation at any time during the process by submitting a written request. I also agree to submit documentation by the assigned deadline or forfeit the funding.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Project summary. Refer to the FY26 QI Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenditures document found here [FY26 JCE QI Allowable Non-allowable List.pdf](#)

[www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/fy26-jce-qi-allowable](http://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/fy26-jce-qi-allowable)

2. Budget, including a list of items to purchase, professional services, or materials. Attach verified quote(s) for this section. Indicate requested amount of funding per category and any additional funding and the source if applicable.



3. Describe how this aligns with ECI Quality Improvement regulations, how this service helped the program elevate their standards, expand their impact, and/or help children receive high-quality care and education in their earliest years.

4. List expected outputs.



- a. Estimated number of children age 0-5 impacted: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Estimated number of children served by age (as of September 15):
  - Prenatal: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 0–1 (0–11 months): \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1–2 (12–23 months): \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2–3 (24–35 months): \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3–4 (36–47 months): \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4–5 (48–59 months): \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5–6 (60–71 months): \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Estimated number of programs served by program type:
  - Community-based programs: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Family support initiatives: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Early learning providers: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Number of programs meeting a quality initiative (evidence-based, accreditation, or group-based strategy): \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Number of programs receiving one-time funding for materials: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Number of programs expected to report on change of condition questions:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g. Number of people answering change in condition questions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application to:** [laura@iowa4cs.com](mailto:laura@iowa4cs.com) or

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