



Request for Applications

Limited funds are available to current NC Pre-K providers under contract with Buncombe Partnership for Children to assist eligible families with the cost of summer care. Children served must be NC Pre-K rising kindergarteners and possibly rising NC Pre-K students during the time period of June-August 2024.

Issue date: February 20, 2024

Closing date: May 31, 2024

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until all funds are expended. Requests for funding must not exceed \$14,999. The intent of this opportunity is to provide per child funding not to exceed the summer subsidy rate that would be paid to the licensed provider for children who do not otherwise qualify for subsidy. Detailed attendance reports with breakdown of per-child cost must be submitted each month for reimbursement.

The successful contractor will provide comprehensive services including:

- Provide all essential services related to the management and operation of a licensed summer program for 4-year-olds, including but not limited to:
- Communicating regularly with BPFC about the summer program
- Submitting detailed monthly invoices for services provided at an agreed-upon rate

Services are expected to begin in June 2024 and be complete in August 2024. The successful contractor will submit monthly, detailed invoices for all services rendered to Buncombe Partnership for Children, 53 Asheland Ave, Suite 102A, Asheville, NC 28801. Final invoice to be sent no later than September 10, 2024. All invoices will be paid by September 30, 2024.

NC Pre-K providers interested in providing these services should send written requests using the questions below. Requests should be sent to Caroline Rodier, Assistant Director at Buncombe Partnership for Children, caroline@buncombepfc.org, and must be received by the close of business on May 31, 2024.

Successful applications will address the following questions on company letterhead:

- Individual/Business Name:
- Name of person submitting this proposal:
- Phone:
- Email:
- Describe the services to be provided (example: length of time/hours care will be provided, number of children you will serve, why families do not qualify for subsidy services)
- The total proposed cost to serve the identified child(ren)

We believe that it is essential for the voices of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) from our community to be the core of this project. Successful contractors will have experience in racial equity work. At BPFC, we understand that unequal wealth distribution plays a large role in racial injustice in our community. We are committed to thoughtfully prioritizing BIPOC vendors in all of our purchasing decisions.

Buncombe Partnership for Children's (BPFC) mission is to strengthen the capacity of educators, families, and the community to build a strong foundation for children's learning and development beginning at birth. Given that the majority of brain development occurs between a child's birth and their entry into kindergarten, we invest in children 0-5, their families, and the early educators who care for and teach them to partner with local organizations to deliver programs that:

- Improve the quality of early care and education
- Increase access to high-quality early care and education
- Expand early literacy opportunities
- Offer family support
- Support children's healthy development

This project is an activity of **BPFC's NC Pre-K Expansion work, a Buncombe County/ARPA-funded pilot program.** The RFP has been informed by the Asheville Buncombe Preschool Planning Collaborative's Transportation and Wrap-Care work group, which includes parents, teachers, and administrators looking for creative strategies to improve access to preschool. More information about our work can be found at <http://buncombepfc.org>.