



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Barbara T. Bowman
Chief Officer

March 30, 2009

Dear Agency Director:

The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is anticipating funds during the next legislative session to continue our early childhood initiatives. In preparation for the 2009-2010 program year, we are asking agencies to reapply for funding with the understanding that final approval will depend on state allocations. The Office of Early Childhood Education (OECE) is seeking to partner with community agencies wishing to provide Prevention Initiative services and/or Parental Training programs to families with children ages birth to three. All current Prevention Initiative and Parental Training programs may reapply.

The application and all forms necessary for completing the process for the Chicago Public Schools' Community Partnership programs are on the Chicago Public Schools' Web site (www.ecechicago.org). Additional information and program history is available on the Illinois State Board of Education Web site (www.isbe.net/earlychi/default.htm). Guidelines are also available and should be reviewed before submitting renewal documents. Please note that agencies wishing to be considered for participation must submit their application to the Program Office no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, May 22, 2009.

A Bidders Conference is scheduled to review proposal guidelines and selection criteria for continuation programs. The conference for continuing programs is as follows:

Date: Friday, April 17, 2009
Time: 9:00 A.M. (PFA Continuing)
1:00 P.M. (PI/PT Continuing)
Place: Maria High School
Auditorium
6727 South California Avenue (6700S-2800W)
Chicago, Illinois 60629

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Ryan at (773) 535-3245.

Sincerely,

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