



Child Care Services Program
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Kawerak Child Care Quality Improvement Grant

Kawerak supports the increased quality and availability of Child Care and the development of Early Childcare Professionals. Our goal is to increase Professional Development, create Safe/Healthy Environments, and Culturally Based, High-Quality care.

Quality Improvement Grants are available to Licensed or Tribally Approved Relative Providers in the Bering Straight region. Assistance is available up to the following amounts based on type of care provided and is contingent on the availability of funds.

- \$10,000 Tribally Approved Relative Providers
- \$20,000 Licensed Family or Group Home
- \$50,000 Center Based Care

Quality Improvement and Activities include, but not limited to:

- Purchasing of age-appropriate toys, education and development materials, and supplies
- Support for Training and Professional Development
- Purchasing a State Child Care License
- Making minor home, health and safety improvements, including supplies and equipment

Kawerak Child Care Services is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities to increase provider knowledge and competencies in caring for young children. Training opportunities may include attending early childhood conferences, webinars, teleconferences, receiving books and resource materials, attending college classes, or other early care and learning related opportunities.

Health and safety improvements ensure the safe care of young children. Improvements may include, but not limited to, repairing stairs/walkways for children's access, providing child safe play areas, installing egress windows, floor covering, or other safety issues within children's reach. Safety equipment may include, but not limited to, obtaining or replacing fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide detectors, First Aid kits, Pediatric First Aid and CPR training, Emergency Preparedness supplies, safe sleep items such as mats, cribs, or sheets, or any other improvements meeting health and safety criteria.

Kawerak will purchase materials, supplies and equipment on behalf of the Provider. If home, health and safety improvements are requested, we will work with you to obtain quotes from contractors to do the work. Upon project completion, a follow up report will be required of the recipient.

Applications for Quality Improvement Grants are available by contacting Kawerak Child Care Services who will assist you in completing your application.

Kawerak Quality Improvement Grant Guidelines

Quality Improvement Grants are intended to increase family options and access to care while improving the quality of child care services.

1. Providers may submit two requests per calendar year which, when combined, cannot exceed the annual allowable amount.
2. Items will be purchased through Kawerak. Some exceptions may apply.
3. All items must be used solely for child care purposes and will be considered in proportion to care provided.
4. Supplemental food items are limited to those noted on the list provided. Some exceptions may apply. Items may be reordered quarterly to maintain supply, so long as the annual requests do not exceed the allowable amount per calendar year. High sugar or salt items will not be allowed. Substitutions based on health guidelines or availability may be provided as needed.
5. Education and developmental materials to support children's learning include quality, age-appropriate, culturally reflective, books, dramatic play materials, blocks, materials for large and small motor development, etc. To assure safety, quality, and availability, items may be limited to approved vendors, Kaplanco.com or Lakeshorelearning.com.
6. Items not allowed include those that pose a choking or other hazardous situation, motorized items or those that require frequent battery changes, televisions, DVDs, video games, systems, cleaning products containing hazardous chemicals, or field trip expenses.
7. Camping, boating, travel, or other water-based activity supplies will not be provided.
8. A follow up report may be required upon request.
9. Funding and supplies are based on demonstrated need and availability of resources.
10. Other restrictions may apply.



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Kawerak Child Care Quality Improvement Grant Application

Applicant Information:

Provider's Name (primary contact): _____

Early Care and Education Program: _____

Program Mailing Address (street, city, zip): _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

If applicable, please provide a copy of the following: (1) Business License, (2) Child Care License,
(3) most recent State of Alaska Child Care Program Office Report of Inspection.

Please select the Quality Improvement area for which you are applying:

Training and professional development

Quality materials and learning supplies for children

State of Alaska Licensing Requirements

Home, Health and Safety improvements, including supplies and equipment

Other quality measurable activities as determined by Kawerak Child Care Services Program

Are you an active member of the SEED registry or have you applied in the last month? Yes No

What type of early care and education program best describes your child care service?

Licensed Center

Licensed Group Home

Licensed Family Home

Tribally Approved Relative Provider Care

Which of the following age range(s) do you/will you serve?

Infants (0-12 months)

Toddlers

Preschoolers (36-60 months)

School Age (Kindergarten – 12 years)

How many children 5 years or younger are or will be enrolled in your program? _____

Total number of children who are or will be in your care? _____

What is the total or estimated amount you are requesting? _____

Please describe how you would use the funds including estimated dollar amounts:

Please describe at least two areas for your program to grow/develop:

Please describe how the Quality Improvement grant will benefit your program:

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ITEMS LIST

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD ITEMS – Food items are limited to the following selection and may be ordered quarterly as needed.

Rice: 36oz or more: (Not allowed: boil in bag, microwavable, added fats, oils, sodium, sugars)
Beans: dry 16oz., canned, no soups, mixes, added ingredients
Pasta: Barilla, Chuster
Pancake Mix: Krusteaz, Kodiak
Syrup: Aunt Jemima, Mrs. Butterworth's, Log Cabin
Macaroni and Cheese: Kraft
Canned Fruit: Dole, Del Monte (100% fruit juice)
Canned Soup: Campbell's or Progresso
Crackers: Ritz, Wheat Thins, Triscuit, Saltines
Peanut Butter: Skippy, Jif, Kirkland
Jelly (low sugar): Smuckers, Welch
Tuna fish / salmon (Not allowed: albacore, white, king mackerel, organic)
Cereal: no more than 6g sugar per serving
Snack Bars: Nature Valley, Quaker, Clif, Kind, NutriGrain
Nuts: Almonds, Peanuts, Trail Mix
Dried Fruit
Spaghetti Sauce: Prego, Hunts, Ragu
Oatmeal: Quaker Instant or Old Fashioned
Milk: shelf stable, powdered (Not allowed: organic, flavored, acidophilus, buttermilk or goat)
Formula: Similac, Enfamil, Earth's Best, Happy Baby
Baby Food: infant cereal (barley, oatmeal, multi grain, mixed grain)
(Not allowed: rice, added fruit or single serving, additives, DHA/ARA)
Diapers: Huggies, Pampers (specific size: _____)
Hand Sanitizer

*Not allowed: boil in bag, microwavable, added fats, oils, sodium, sugars.

Other items requested as available:

TOYS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

I would like to receive the selected items.

Age appropriate items will be ordered from approved sites including Lakeshore Learning and Kaplan Co.

If other items are requested, please list below:

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Travel and/or fees to attend the below child care training:

Fees and associated costs listed below:

Gates	Crib	Mats	Sheets	Hand Towels	Other: Please describe below.

Pump Sink Egress Windows Stairs Railing Steps Flooring

Other: Please describe below.

I understand that qualified expenses must be used only for the child care facility or home and that no personal expenses are permitted. I understand quality improvement grants are awarded based on demonstrated need and availability of funds. By signing below, I agree to abide by the grant guidelines and complete the requirements associated with the quality improvement grant and Kawerak Child Care Services.

Staff Notes:

Kawerak Child Care Services Director (Signature) _____ (Date) _____