



## 2022 SEEDS Family Child Care Learning Home Grant

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### *Why should I apply to participate in SEEDS?*

SEEDS is a comprehensive, tailored professional development opportunity for Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) providers that benefits the social-emotional wellness of children in your care. Through training, coaching, and resources, the SEEDS grant equips providers with practical tools to promote positive behaviors, relational skills, emotional literacy, and regulation skills in young children.

#### *Who is eligible to apply?*

To be eligible for participation in the 2022 SEEDS Grant, applicants must:

- be a licensed Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) provider in good standing with DECAL;
- have and maintain a 2- or 3-star Quality Rating; and
- have not already participated in SEEDS (FCCLH Cohort One)

#### *What is the timeline for grant activities?*

**Applications Due:** June 1, 2022

**Acceptance Notifications:** Late June

**Grant Start Date:** July 1, 2022

**Grant End Date:** December 31, 2022

#### *Are grant activities virtual or in-person/onsite?*

While SEEDS Institutes will be held virtually via Zoom, coaching visits will include both virtual and in-person visits.

#### *What content will be covered in the SEEDS Institutes?*

- **Institute 1:** Overview of the SEEDS guiding framework: The Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children
- **Institute 2:** Nurturing, responsive relationships, child temperament, and family engagement
- **Institute 3:** High-quality, supportive environments, behavior expectations, schedule, routines, and transitions
- **Institute 4:** Emotional literacy, self-regulation, friendship skills, and introduction to behavior interventions

#### *What do I get?*

##### Expertise:

- A foundational understanding of social emotional development in young children;
- Confidence in your ability to promote positive, adaptive child behaviors; and
- A network of FCCLH providers who are just as dedicated to early childhood social and emotional health as you are.

### **Stipends**

- Grantees will receive a \$125 stipend for each SEEDS Institute completed (four Institutes = \$500 total)
- Stipend payments will be distributed as a lump sum after the final institute with proper verification of attendance and completion
- Grantees will be required to submit requested documentation prior to stipend payout, including a Verification of Lawful Presence form, unless this documentation has previously been submitted for a POWER payment.

### **Social-Emotional Classroom Materials (up to \$1,000 value)**

- Materials package filled with books, toys, and other child-friendly resources that promote emotional literacy, friendship skills, self-regulation, and positive behaviors

### **Technology Equipment Package (up to \$600 value)**

- Technology, including a laptop, to support participation in virtual coaching sessions and trainings

### **Bright from the Start (BFTS) Credit Hours**

- 1.0 credit hour per SEEDS Institute
- Four Institutes = 4.0 credit hours total

### ***If I'm accepted to participate in the grant, how do I register in the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS)?***

Participating providers must have a Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS) account to participate in the SEEDS Institutes. All early childhood educators, including those who do not need BFTS credit hours, are strongly encouraged to set up a GaPDS account to access a wide range of available trainings. Providers will be asked to submit their GaPDS numbers upon acceptance.

If you do not already have a GaPDS account, you can create one by following [these steps](#).

If you have questions as you set up your account, please contact the GaPDS help desk at 1-888-92-GAPDS (42737) or email [gapds@decals.ga.gov](mailto:gapds@decals.ga.gov).

### ***How do I apply?***

Eligible FCCLHs must submit an online application using the link below by no later than **June 1, 2022**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022SEEDSFCCLH>

DECAL will not accept incomplete applications or applications submitted outside of the Survey Monkey online application linked above (via email, mail, etc.).