



## Lifting Infants and Toddlers Through Language-rich Environments (LITTLE)

### Family Child Care Learning Home Grant

#### *Frequently Asked Questions*

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

The LITTLE Grant supports Family Child Care Providers in fostering the foundational language and literacy skills of infants and toddlers. Through a combination of training, coaching, and resources, the LITTLE Grant equips providers with increased knowledge and skills in building responsive relationships, and developing and maintaining a social, emotional, and intellectual climate that supports child-initiated and child-pursued learning.

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

To be eligible for participation in the LITTLE 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 LITTLE

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

**Applications Due:** July 21, 2023

**Acceptance Notifications:** Mid-August 2023

**Grant Start Date:** September 5, 2023

**Grant End Date:** June 30, 2024

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

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

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

- **Institute 1:** The Power of Language (Building early language skills with children)
- **Institute 2:** Talk with Me (Engaging in meaningful conversations with children)
- **Institute 3:** Read with Me (Reading books interactively)
- **Institute 4:** Talk with Me Baby (Family engagement and building language development)

***If I have an assistant teacher at my program, can they attend the LITTLE Institutes and receive a stipend?***

Your assistant teacher(s) can attend the LITTLE Institutes and receive a stipend for their attendance that they have registered in the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS), submitted required documentation to the GaPDS, and that the PDS has verified the credential. Assistant teachers will be required to submit requested documentation prior to stipend payment unless this documentation has previously been submitted for a POWER payment.

***What do I get?***

**Expertise**

- A foundational understanding of the importance of responsive interactions;
- Professional development and coaching that supports language development of infants and toddlers; and
- A network of FCCLH providers who are just as dedicated to early childhood education

**LENA Grow**

LENA Grow is an early language program powered by “talk pedometer” technology where programs receive coaching to help increase interactive talk between adults and young children.

**Stipends**

- Grantees will receive a \$125 stipend for each LITTLE 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.

**Language and Literacy Classroom Materials (up to \$1,000 value)**

- Materials package filled with books, toys, and other child-friendly resources that promote responsive interactions and foster language and literacy development

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

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

***How do I apply?***

**Deadline to submit applications is July 21, 2023.** All application sections must be fully completed and supporting documentation submitted by the application deadline. Printed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

Click here to access the [LITTLE FCCLH Grant Application](#)