

**Cleveland Co. Partnership for Children  
& Child Care Connections  
Education Incentive Bonus 2017 - 2018**

**Directors, teachers, and assistant teachers** in all licensed facilities in Cleveland County who are registered for classes in Early Childhood Education or in pursuit of a degree in Early Childhood Education and **remain employed in a licensed facility in Cleveland County** may participate in the Education Incentive Bonus.

- Participants will receive up to \$75.00 bonus for each college credit hour in Early Childhood Education or classes working toward a degree in Early Childhood Education they complete during Fall Semester 2017 and Spring Semester 2018 (ex. \$75 for 1 hr. credit class, \$150 for 2 hr. credit class, \$225 for 3 hr credit class, etc.). **A \$25 bonus will be paid for any developmental course taken as a prerequisite to enrollment in higher level EDU course work (up to a maximum of four (4) or \$100.00 per program year). Participants may be reimbursed for no more than 24 credit hours or \$1,800.00 per year.**
- Must complete course with a **“C” or better grade.**
- After registration, applicants need to bring a completed application form and a copy of their registration form to the Provider Services staff at Child Care Connections. **NEW for 2017-2018 - Applicants must have a Professional Development Plan on file. \*Deadlines for the 2017-2018 Bonuses are as follows: Fall Applications due by October 16, 2017, only exceptions: If a 2<sup>nd</sup> Short Session is offered it is due the day after class begins. Fall Official Transcripts due January 15, 2018. Spring Applications due by March 15, 2018, only exceptions same as Fall semester. Spring Official Transcripts due June 15, 2018.**
- Upon completion of the course, an official transcript must be turned in to the staff at Child Care Connections before a bonus can be issued. **Important: Bonuses will not be issued without a complete application, this includes 1) A complete application form 2) A copy of the registration form or class schedule 3) An official transcript.**
- **Remember!!!! A Graduation Award Grant is available this year. Requirements for this grant are the same as for the Education Bonus: 1) Must be employed at a license child care facility in Cleveland County, 2) A graduation award application must be completed and returned with a copy of an official transcript showing Early Childhood Degrees, certificates, and/or diploma earned. There is a limit of \$50 per project year for eligible providers. Deadline for application of the Graduation Award is June 15, 2018.**
- Providers will be served on a first come/first serve basis as long as funds are available.
- Priority will be given to assisting as many providers as possible complete at least six hours of college credit in Early Childhood Education in a 12 month period.
- **THESE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL BONUSES.**

**If you have questions call Karen Pearson at Child Care Connections > 704-487-7397 ext. 100.**



**Disclaimer:** Approval of application does not guarantee funds will be available.