

**Cleveland Co. Partnership for Children &  
Child Care Connections'  
Education Incentive Bonus 2019-2020**

**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 2019 and Spring Semester 2020 (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 or class schedule to the Provider Services staff at Child Care Connections. **NEW for 2019-2020 – Applicants must have a Professional Development Plan on file. \*Deadlines for the 2019-2020 Bonuses are as follows:**  
**Fall Applications due by October 15, 2019, 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, 2020.**  
**Spring Applications due by March 16, 2020, only exceptions same as Fall semester. Spring Official Transcripts due June 15, 2020.**
- 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 is available this year. Requirements for this award 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, 2020.**
- 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 please call Karen Pearson at Child Care Connections at 704-487-7397 ext. 100.**



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