

# 2020-2021 Childcare Foundation Site Funding Application

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*Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education*

## *Structure*

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Building on the high quality expectations of the Alabama First Class Pre-K classrooms, the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education is seeking licensed childcare programs with a First Class Pre-K classroom to build First Class Foundation Sites. These sites would be supported to bring the high quality expectations of First Class Pre-K to the infant and toddler classrooms. This support would include funding for enhancements, coaching, professional development opportunities for the staff and support for attaining high level STARS with the QRIS system. The goal of this project is to support programs that are implementing high quality standards for birth to 5 in order to create sites which can be a model of quality, increase access to quality care, and to increase recognition of the Alabama STARS system.

**Sites will be selected through a competitive process and a site visit.**

### **Organization\***

What is the name of your Organization?

*Character Limit: 100*

Is your program licensed?\*

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

Is your program in good standing with DHR?\*

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

What is the capacity indicated in the license?\*

*Character Limit: 4*

What is the current enrollment in the program?\*

*Character Limit: 5*

Do you currently have a First Class Pre-K classroom?\*

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

Has a STAR Rating been earned through QRIS?\*

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

If yes, what is the rating earned?

*Character Limit: 5*

Are you willing to earn a STAR rating or increase your STAR rating?\*

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

Is your program located in an Opportunity Zone?

For more information on Opportunity Zones, please click the link: [Alabama Opportunity Zones\\*](#)

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

Why do you want to be a First Class Foundation Site?\*

*Character Limit: 8000*

What is the greatest need your program has?\*

*Character Limit: 5000*

Does your program accept subsidy?\*

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

Does your program charge tuition?\*

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

Is your program accredited by any entity?\*

**Choices**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list.

*Character Limit: 200*

## *Staff and Environment*

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### **Classroom and Staff\***

List each classroom and staff assigned including highest level of education attained by the staff.

*Character Limit: 10000*

What is the greatest need you have related to physical environment?\*

*Character Limit: 5000*

Upload photos of each classroom.\*

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

Upload photos of outdoor environments.\*

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

What is the greatest need of your staff?\*

*Character Limit: 8000*

What is your percentage turnover rate for the year 2019?\*

*Character Limit: 4*

Do you have onsite support for your teachers, such as coaching?\*

### **Choices**

Yes

No

If yes, what are their qualifications?

*Character Limit: 2000*

## *Program*

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What curriculum do you currently use and why?\*

*Character Limit: 10000*

What assessment tool do you currently use and why?\*

*Character Limit: 10000*

Do you have a family engagement model or program in place?\*

**Choices**

Yes

No

If yes, what is the model?

*Character Limit: 250*