

QUALITY FIRST

GRANT & LOAN PACKAGE

First Children's Finance has put together a special grant and loan package to help child care providers pay for quality improvements and facility expansion.

The package includes an initial grant up to \$5,000 plus a loan of \$25,000 or more.



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WHO CAN QUALIFY?

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION CENTERS THAT:

- demonstrate a commitment to quality care*
- serve children from low-income households
- are in good standing with the state licensing agency
- have been in existence for at least two years.



These special Quality First grant and loan packages are only available for a limited time.** Call us today to find out more information.

If you do not qualify for this package or have different financing needs, you may be eligible for other funding through First Children's Finance. We offer loans to family child care homes and centers ranging from \$1,000 to \$125,000 that can be used for any type of project. Call us to find out how we can help you.

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Quality, accessible child care is our shared passion. Find out more about the services we provide by visiting our website at www.FirstChildrensFinance.org.

See reverse side for more details.

***ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to quality care through any of the following:
 - Meeting Head Start program quality standards, state school readiness guidelines, or universal pre-kindergarten guidelines.
 - Being accredited or seeking accreditation by NAEYC, NAA, AMI, or other evidence-based accrediting systems as approved by FCF.
 - Participating in a state quality rating and improvement system.
 - Implementing a written quality improvement plan based on ECERS, ITERS or SACERS conducted by a trained, third party assessor.

- Applicants must demonstrate that at least 20% of the children served by the center are from low-income households.
- Applicants must complete a FCF Loan Application and all required attachments.
- Applicants must qualify for and close a loan of at least \$25,000 from First Children's Finance.
- Grants are limited to 10% of the loan amount and will not exceed \$5,000 per center.

**** LIMITATIONS:**

The number of packages is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The initial funding cycle for Quality First ends June 30, 2008. Contact First Children's Finance as soon as possible to find out if applications are still being accepted or if the program has been renewed beyond that date.