

FY2011 Appropriations Request Form

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Project Name: San Mateo County's Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (SaMCARES)

Individual/Organization: *(Is the grantee located in the 12th Congressional District?)*

Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County
2121 S. El Camino Real A-100
San Mateo, CA 94403
Yes

Amount Requested:
\$181, 440

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status:
Department of Education, Elementary & Secondary Education (Includes FIE)

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Organization's Main Activities:
Since 1972, the Child Care Coordinating Council (4Cs), a private nonprofit agency, has been a trusted resource to help parents living and working in San Mateo County find and pay for child care and preschool and to grow as parents. We are also a one-stop shop for our county's 1,000 licensed child care providers and preschool programs, investing in the field's professional development and helping improve program quality through a variety of programs and services. Our focus areas include: 1) Quality Child Care and Preschool – Increasing the quality and expanding the supply of child care and preschool programs, promotion of the professional development of the childcare workforce, fostering child

care inclusion for children with special needs, and ongoing support and assistance to child care providers; 2) Family Support – Counseling for parents about child care and preschool options, free referrals to licensed child care, strengthening families considered “at-risk,” assisting working families in paying for child care, and providing free and low-cost parenting education opportunities; 3) Health and Child Development – Training for child care providers and parents in child development, nutrition and health, and education on key health issues.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form.

SaMCARES Stipends	112,500
Direct labor	34,875
Operating Expenses	14,625
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	162,000
Indirect Expenses (12%)	19,440
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Total Expenses	181,440
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Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds:

Expand the 4Cs SaMCARES program (San Mateo County’s Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards), a supportive stipend-based program that encourages quality and permanence in the child care workforce, while rewarding achievements in both continuing education and continuity of care in the classroom. In supporting child care providers with financial stipends, SaMCARES ensures that early childhood education (ECE) professionals in the community will have long tenures with the schools they are working in and in the ECE field as a whole. SaMCARES also makes certain that participants will continue to advance their skills and training by taking college-level courses both in ECE and General Education (GE) classes, as well as completing professional growth activities. In the long term, SaMCARES anticipates that its program will lead to increased stability and professionalism of the child care workforce as a whole, which will in turn lead to improved compensation of ECE professionals. This funding would allow us to expand the program to an additional 75 Early Childhood Educational professionals in the 2011 fiscal year.

One of the most direct ways of ascertaining SaMCARES' impact in education levels of the ECE workforce is by determining how many participants would not have continued their education without the motivation of the SaMCARES program. Almost one in three SaMCARES participants (31%) said they would not have taken an ECE class in the last year if they had not enrolled in SaMCARES. Thus, according to these responses, San Mateo County has a more educated ECE workforce caring for their children due to the presence of the SaMCARES program. During the 2007 project year, 25 of the 316 participants graduated with an AA, BA, or MA degree. According to the evaluation of the CARES program for this project year, 34% of SaMCARES participants have a BA degree or higher. With a total of 316 participants who completed the 2007 program, SaMCARES successfully achieved its goal of recruiting and retaining at least 300 ECE professionals and it exceeded its goal of a 70% retention rate. In terms of job retention, 14% of the participants said they would have changed jobs this year if they had not been in SaMCARES, demonstrating that SaMCARES is having a positive influence on the stability of the ECE workforce. It is a part of our mission to exceed these goals in 2011.

Time Line:

- Year Round: Outreach to child care providers regarding the program. Technical assistance, career counseling, and quarterly meetings with advisory committee.
- August: Applications are mailed out to an estimated 500 ECE Professionals for 10-11.
- September: Applications due and processed by SaMCARES staff and Advisory Committee.
- October: Notification letters sent to participants.
- November/December: Program and Quality Improvement Orientations.
- January: Submission of approved Academic Plan
- June: End of Year documents collected and reviewed by SaMCARES staff.
- July: Stipend checks issued to participants.

How will this project request serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding?

This funding would allow us to expand the program to an additional 75 early childhood education professionals in the 2011 fiscal year.

Can this proposal be funded via fees levied on users of the service or via the ordinary capital budgeting process of the organization?

No

What is the local significance of this project?

4Cs provides services to all child care providers and families in San Mateo County. Participants in the SaMCARES program are recruited from throughout the county. As part of our outreach, we visit the ECE classes at the local community colleges and tell them about the SaMCARES Program. We bring with us informational documents, offer them the format to ask questions of the SaMCARES advisors, and sign up to receive upcoming applications as well as specially designed calendars featuring opportunities for growth and development in the field of ECE.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project?

Each teacher/provider that participates in SaMCARES affects 8 children in District 12. If funded over 600 children will reap the benefits of better educated providers and continuity of care in the classroom.

Please explain the federal interest in this proposal (i.e. meets a stated objective of federal policy, supports a federal agency, is the result of a federal law/mandate, etc.)

The years before a child reaches kindergarten are among the most critical in his or her life to influence learning. President Obama is committed to providing the support that our youngest children need to prepare to succeed later in school. The President supports a seamless and comprehensive set of services and support for children, from birth through age 5. Because the President is committed to helping all children succeed – regardless of where they spend their day – he will urge states to impose high standards across all publicly funded early learning settings, develop new programs to improve opportunities and outcomes, engage parents in their child’s early learning and development, and improve the early education workforce.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing:

We have many state and local elected officials who have expressed support of SaMCARES and can provide these letters at the Citizens Oversight Panel if invited to present.

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project?

Yes/Local

Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project?

No

Has the individual and/or organization submitted the project request to other Member offices? If so, please identify below the names of the Members of Congress and staff persons.

No

Please attach a list of your organization's staff and board members from 2005 – 2010.

Please see attached.

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

N/A

**Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County, Inc.
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