



***Thriving by Three Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant Webinar  
for Family Child Care Providers***

***We will begin shortly***



# Thriving by Three Infant and Toddler Child Care Grants

Family Child Care Providers

# Thriving By Three Act (Bill S2476)

## Purpose:

- Incentivize the expansion of capacity for infants and toddlers
- Provide technical assistance to child care providers
- Address shortages in infant and toddler care capacity
- Support the developmental needs of young children

# Overview

- DFD is offering the grant to address shortages of high-quality child care for infants/toddlers and to support the developmental needs of young children.
- Slots must be maintained for the duration of the 3-year grant period.

# Family Child Care Eligibility Summary

Eligible programs must:

- Comply with state and federal health and safety requirements for family child care providers.
- Comply with current family child care licensing standards for infant and toddler child care, including, but not limited to, child-to-staff ratios and health and safety standards.
- Be in good standing (no enforcement action or fraud and/or funding misrepresentation investigation or misuse of funds).

# Family Child Care Eligibility Summary Cont.

Eligible programs must:

- Use the funds to develop or expand quality child care spaces for infants/toddlers.
- Participate or apply to participate in the state's child care quality rating and improvement system, Grow NJ Kids, no later than twelve (12) months after initial grant approval.

# Priority for Grant Award Selection

Preference will be given to providers and programs that are:

- Located in communities with few or no options for high-quality child care for infants and toddlers;
- Located in communities with a high percentage of low-income families;
- Able to demonstrate need to increase and fill slots; and
- Committed to quality.

# Year 1 Initial Grant Award Amount

- Initial minimum grant award of \$3,000 per new infant or toddler child care slot created.
- \$1,000 must be provided to a caregiver, either the alternate provider, substitute or assistant as required to meet child/staff ratios.
- If not already enrolled in, or rated by, Grow NJ Kids, providers must enroll within twelve (12) months of initial grant award.
- This initial award is available to all eligible providers.



# Year 2 Renewal

- Year 2 award will be paid approximately 12 months following the date of the initial grant award
- To receive the Year 2 award, the provider must have:
  - Completed a Needs Assessment (a CCR&R Infant/Toddler Specialist will contact the provider to complete this assessment)\*; and
  - Be enrolled and actively engaged in Grow NJ Kids.

\*Based on the results of the Needs Assessment, family child care providers may be eligible to receive up to \$1,200 in additional infant/toddler-related supplies/equipment/materials to address health and safety violations and/or to support program quality. The Grow NJ Kids Technical Assistance Center for your region will purchase and distribute these supplies to eligible providers.

# Year 2 Grant Award Amount

- Providers who have not yet reached a Grow NJ Kids rating of 3, 4 or 5 stars at the start of Year 2 will receive an additional grant award of \$1,200 per new infant or toddler slot.
  - \$400 of this amount must be directed for staff, as required to meet child/staff ratios under 3A:54-6.2 of the Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration.
- If you are already rated 3, 4 or 5 stars in Grow NJ Kids at the start of Year 2 you are not eligible for the \$1,200 per slot grant award, however, you are eligible to receive \$300 per newly created and enrolled slot.

# Year 3 Renewal

- Year 3 award will be paid approximately 12 months following the date of the Year 2 grant award.
- During Year 3, the provider must:
  - Complete a Grow NJ Kids Self-Assessment;
  - Complete a Grow NJ Kids Quality Improvement Plan;
  - Submit a Grow NJ Kids Rating Readiness form to initiate the rating process; and
  - Have all newly created infant/toddler slots filled by the end of the 3rd year

# Year 3 Grant Award Amount

- Providers who have not yet reached a Grow NJ Kids rating of 3, 4 or 5 stars at the start of Year 3 will receive an additional grant award of \$1,200 per new infant or toddler slot.
  - \$400 of this amount must be directed for staff, as required to meet child/staff ratios under 3A:54-6.2 of the Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration.
- If you are already rated 3, 4 or 5 stars in Grow NJ Kids at the start of Year 3 you are not eligible for the \$1,200 per slot grant award, however, you are eligible to receive \$300 per newly created and enrolled slot.

# Approved Uses of Grant Funds

Thriving by Three Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant funds may be spent in the following approved categories:

- Equipment/furniture
- Materials/Toys/Supplies
- Staff/Recruitment/Hiring
- Other Needs (e.g., professional development, technical assistance, etc.)

# How Do I Apply?

Grant application will be available in NJCCIS beginning November 1!

Log in to your NJCCIS account and navigate to the Grants tab from your Quicklinks panel

# Application

- The application will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.
- You do not have to complete the application in one session.

Information you will need to complete the application:

- Full and part-time enrollment information
- Infant/toddler waitlist information (if applicable)
- Infant/toddler rate information (F/T and P/T rates)
- Assistant/alternate/substitute hourly wage rate information

# Application Status

- You will be notified via email when a decision has been made regarding your Thriving by Three (TBT) Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant application, or whether any additional information is required.
- Grant awards will be based on available funding.
- You can also check the status of your application at any time in the Grants section of your Quicklinks panel. If your application is approved, you can use the “View” button to see information regarding your grant award amount and payment date.



PROVIDER INFORMATION

## Thriving by Three (TBT) Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant

<b>Family Child Care Provider Name</b> Don FCC Provider	<b>Provider NJCCIS ID</b> 811381	<b>County</b> Monmouth
<b>Provider Type</b> Family Child Care	<b>Email</b> donald.dufinetz+1@e- tcc.com	<b>City</b> Mentor
<b>GNJK Level</b> Not Enrolled	<b>Provider Phone Number</b> (111) 1111111	<b>Capacity</b> 5

**Please upload a current copy of your W-9 Form to the NJCCIS file cabinet**

Following please find Owner/Director information required for reporting purposes. This information originates in your NJCCIS profile

<b>Owner/Director Name</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Provider Information

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\* Are you currently participating in the Child Care Assistance program?

Yes

No

Please tell us about your proposed infant/toddler enrollment and capacity expansion

\* How many children are currently enrolled?

How many children are currently enrolled?

	* Part-Time	* Full-Time
Child (Age under 1 year)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child (Age 1 to under 2 years)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Child (Age 2 to under 3 years)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Pre-school (Ages 3 and 4 years)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
School-Age (Age over 5 to 13 years)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Maximum Number and Ages of Children requirements must be met, as referenced for Providers in the Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration, Subchapter 6.1 and 6.2 (3A:54-6.1 and 3A:54-6.2).

You must meet the Safety, Health and Program Requirements for Providers as referenced in the Manual of Requirements for Family Child Care Registration, Subchapter 6 (3A:54-6).

Note: Following is a link to this document, which you can click on and access in a new browser window and then return to the application <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/providers/licensing/laws/FCCmanual.pdf>

\* I propose to add the following number of child slots under 2 years old (the total new slots is not to exceed 2)

* Number of New Child (Age under 1 year) slots	* Number of New Child (Age 1 to under 2 years) slots	* Total New Slots
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

\* I will increase my infant and toddler capacity through the following (Check all that apply):

- Hire additional staff
- Purchase Equipment/Furniture
- Purchase Material/Toys/Supplies
- Advertising to recruit new families
- Advertising to recruit new staff
- Make minor repairs

\* If a facility improvement grant is made available, would you be interested?

- Yes
- No

Please tell us about your proposed infant/toddler capacity expansion

**To increase my infant/toddler slots I will need to do the following:**

**\* MINOR REPAIRS:** (Check all that apply or check N/A):

*Note: Minor Repairs includes but is not limited to general maintenance and other minor repairs. Please note - **Thriving by Three (TBT) Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant funds can be used to cover the cost of minor repairs and services to abate health and safety violations.***

**\* MINOR REPAIRS:** (Check all that apply or check N/A):

- Flooring
- Ceiling
- Windows
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Electric
- Other (describe)
- N/A

Please tell us about your proposed infant/toddler capacity expansion

**Select items from the below Equipment/Furniture and Materials/Toys/Supplies that will be purchased to support the increase of infant and/or toddler enrollment.**

**Thriving by Three (TBT) Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant funds can be used to purchase these items.**

\* EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE: (Check all that apply or check N/A): Thriving by Three (TBT) Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant funds can be used for this

- Evacuation Cribs
- Changing table(s)
- Stroller(s)
- Mats
- Tables
- High Chairs
- Rocking Chairs
- Toddler sized tables/chairs
- Outdoor equipment
- Sinks
- Refrigerator
- Other (describe)
- N/A

\* MATERIALS/TOYS/SUPPLIES to be used in the following developmental areas: (Check all that apply or check N/A):

- Curriculum
- Sensory
- Learning
- Exploration
- Fine/Gross Motor Skills
- Other (describe)
- N/A

\* Have you received funding from the ARP Stabilization Grant?

- Yes
- No

Please tell us about your proposed infant/toddler capacity expansion

\* STAFF/RECRUITMENT/HIRING: (Check all that apply or check N/A):

- Advertisement
- Hiring bonus
- Salary
- Other (describe)
- N/A



Please tell us about your proposed infant/toddler capacity expansion

\* TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS: (Check all that apply or check N/A):

- Professional Development
- Technical Assistance - Room Arrangement/Spacing
- Regulatory (OOL) Technical Assistance
- Quality Improvement Technical Assistance
- Infant/Toddler Care Support
- Other (describe)
- N/A

Indicate your Assistant/Alternate/Substitute hourly wage rates

\* Do you currently have an Assistant?

- Yes
- No

\* How many Full-time Assistants do you have?

\* How many Part-time Assistants do you have?

Select the range that best describes the average hourly wage rates of your Alternate/Substitute

\* Alternate (Pick one range)

- \$14.13/hour NJ minimum wage - \$17/hour
- \$17.01/hour - \$20/hour
- \$20.01/hour - \$23/hour
- \$23.01/hour - \$26/hour
- \$26.01/hour - \$29/hour
- \$29.01+/hour
- NA

\* Substitute (Pick one range)

- \$14.13/hour NJ minimum wage - \$17/hour**
- \$17.01/hour - \$20/hour**
- \$20.01/hour - \$23/hour**
- \$23.01/hour - \$26/hour**
- \$26.01/hour - \$29/hour**
- \$29.01+/hour**
- NA**

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions and am an authorized person to submit this application. I understand and consent to be contacted regarding this application via the provider email address on file in NJCCIS.

\* First Name

\* Last Name

\* Job Title

\* Date

**PLEASE NOTE:** You can only submit one application during each grant period. Applications cannot be modified once you select the submit button.

# Family Child Care Provider \$1,000 Referral Award

- The \$1,000 Family Child Care Provider Referral Award is separate from the Thriving by Three Grant award.
- Current family child care providers may refer a person who would like to become a new registered family child care provider.
- Current family child care providers will submit a completed ***Family Child Care Provider Referral Award Application*** Form to their county's Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency.

# Family Child Care Provider \$1,000 Referral Award

- Once the new provider completes the registration process, the referring provider will receive an award of \$1,000.
- Payment will be issued by the CCR&R:
  - Providers who are participating in the Child Care Assistance Program will be paid through EPPIC.
  - Providers who are not participating in the Child Care Assistance Program will be paid by check.

# Need Guidance or Technical Assistance?

Please direct general questions about the Thriving by Three Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant to: **DFD-ChildCareGrants@dhs.nj.gov**

For questions about registering, please contact your local CCR&R agency

For NJCCIS account-related questions or for assistance completing the Thriving by Three Infant and Toddler Child Care Grant application, please contact:

**NJCallCenter@e-tcc.com**

**1-800-332-6512**

# 2023 Market Rate Survey

- DFD has been distributing the Market Rate Survey to providers every Monday and Thursday from [DFD-MarketRateStudy@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:DFD-MarketRateStudy@dhs.nj.gov).
- The data collected is critical for the State of New Jersey to help inform provider payment rates for the Child Care Assistance Program.
- You can access the Market Rate Survey at any time from links in the NJCCIS Announcements section of the [www.NJCCIS.com](http://www.NJCCIS.com) home page.
- Links for the surveys are in the Q&A box. Please participate today!



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[www.ChildCareNJ.gov/Providers/Grants/ThrivingbyThree](http://www.ChildCareNJ.gov/Providers/Grants/ThrivingbyThree)



**Thank You!**

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