

Welcome to First 5 California's Teacher Signature Program

Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) Plus – Round 2

Webinar and Conference Call
March 19, 2013



Role of Local Consortium

- Lead Agencies, in partnership with their Consortium Partners:
 - design Effectiveness and Access Plans
 - review and update E&A Plans annually
- E&A Plan is the basis of the design and implementation of CARES Plus

Required Consortium Partners

- Local First 5 Commissions
- Local Child Care Planning Council
- AB 212 Program
- Resource and Referral Agency
- Higher Education Program

Other Consortium Partners

- Early Head Start/Head Start
- Educational Institutions
- Community Based Organizations
- Foundations
- Local Businesses
- Others

Effectiveness and Access Plan

- Integrate First 5 CA's Principles on Equity (see Appendix L)
- Establish Priority Zones and Recruitment Activities
- Offer support services to ensure participants success
- Work toward improving accessibility and improve alignment between and across educational programs

For more information about E&A Plans, see RFA beginning on page 12.

Local CARES Plus Design

- Local design must:
 - be based on the E&A Plan
 - offer CORE and one or more Component for participants
 - ensure participants meet eligibility and annual requirements
 - provide support services
 - ensure program staff meet program and RFA requirements

CORE and Component Requirements

Participant CORE Requirements

<p>Intro to the CLASS™</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 2-hour interactive online program to gain an understanding of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS™) framework■ Available in English and Spanish■ Toddler or Pre-K option	<p>Looking at CLASSrooms™ (LAC™)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Online program focusing on identifying and analyzing effective teacher-child interactions■ Available in English and Spanish■ Toddler or Pre-K option	<p>CARES Plus Tobacco Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Kids and Smoke Don't Mix: A Tobacco Training for Child Care Providers and Preschool Teachers sponsored by First 5 California and created by California Smoker's Helpline	
<p>Component A</p> <p>Minimum of 21 hours of CDE approved professional growth trainings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Participate in CLASS™ observation if selected	<p>Component B</p> <p>Minimum of 6 units of higher education towards a degree in ECE, CD or related field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Participate in CLASS™ observation if selected	<p>Component C</p> <p>Serve as Professional Growth Advisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Requires BA degree■ Complete CORE Requirements	<p>Component D</p> <p><i>My Teaching Partner™</i> one-on-one professional growth coaching model program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Required to participate in CLASS™ observation

Participant Annual Requirements

Most are the same as CARES Plus – Round 1

- Meet eligibility requirements
- Complete two professional growth advising sessions each year
- Develop a professional growth plan
- Meet CORE and Component requirements
- Complete Annual Participant Survey

Round 2 Program Enhancements

Component A

- Working on expanding menu of trainings
- Process is being established in partnership with CDE in effort to align with CSP and RTT

Visit this webpage for Component A menu updates:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/re/compatraining.asp>

Component D

- Available to all counties
- Maximum of 500 participants statewide
- Minimum stipend structure

Specific Form Types

- R Forms - RF A Application Forms submitted by the Lead Agency, due **May 10, 2013**
- P Forms – CARES Plus Participant Forms to be completed by the participant at the time of enrollment
- LA Forms- Lead Agency Management Forms for program operation

P.1 Participant Application and Certification

- Data captured in P.1 is required.
 - Counties may use their own form/process to collect all data as defined in Appendix D.
- Forms P.2 and P.3 must be used without alteration. Participant signatures are required.
 - P.2 and P.3 can be separated into separate documents if using county application form/process. (See RFA pages 49-50)

<http://www.ccfc.ca.gov/commission/funding.asp>

CLASS™ Observations

- Non-MTP “live” CLASS™ observations will be conducted in place of videotaped observations (fall and spring).
- Lead Agency has the option to distribute camera kits and materials to local participants, as applicable.

Who Can Apply for CARES Plus – Round 2?

- First 5 County Commissions
 - “First Right of Refusal”
- Local Public Entity (LPE)
 - LPE, as defined in the RFA, is “a county, city, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the state, but does not include the State.”
(California Government Code, Section 940.4)

Letter of Intent (LOI) to Apply

- First 5 California county commissions
 - Form R.2 due on March 26, 2013, no later than 5 p.m.
 - *Please return as soon as possible to open the application period for others in the county to apply.*
- If a county commission declines to apply, a Local Public Entity may apply for that county.
 - Form R.3 due on April 3, 2013, no later than 5 p.m.
 - Only one application per county will be accepted.
- Must obtain original signatures



Form R.2

The deadline for a First 5 county Commission to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply for CARES Plus Program Round 2 is March 26, 2013 Instructions for completion and submittal of this LOI are included in Form R.1.

**LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR CARES PLUS PROGRAM ROUND 2
FIRST 5 COUNTY COMMISSIONS**

Lead Agency Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Executive Director (or designee):

Name (print or typed)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check one:

_____ Our county commission will submit an application for CARES Plus Program Round 2.

_____ Our county commission will not submit an application for CARES Plus Program Round 2, but will partner with the Local Public Entity in our county.

_____ Our county commission will form a collaborative with one or more other counties.

Names of other counties: _____



The deadline for a Local Public Entity to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to apply for CARES Plus Program Round 2 is April 3, 2013. Instructions for completion and submittal of this LOI are included in Form R.1.

**LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR CARES PLUS PROGRAM ROUND 2
LOCAL PUBLIC ENTITY**

Lead Agency Name: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name of Primary Contact: _____

Title of Primary Contact: _____

Chief Executive Officer (or designee/position): _____

Signature of CEO/designee: _____

Date: _____

A. Local Public Entity Supplemental Information

Please attach the following:

- Mission Statement
- Goals and Objectives
- Organizational Chart
- List of any Early Childhood Accreditations
- Narrative including evidence of the LPE's existing capacity to provide early learning workforce services and administrative, fiscal and program oversight.

RFA Application

- Applications must be received by First 5 California no later than **May 10, 2013, 5 p.m.**
- All instructions, application, and required forms can be found at:
 - <http://www.ccfc.ca.gov/commission/funding.asp>
- Lead Agency submits:
 - 1 electronic copy
 - 3 additional hard copies, one with original signatures

RFA Application Forms

- R.4 Application for New
Counties to CARES Plus
- R.5 Application for Returning
CARES Plus Counties
- R.6 Budget Form
- R.7 Budget Narrative
- R.8 Cash Match Partners

Annual Deadlines for Participant Data Submissions

Firm deadlines established:

August 20 - MTP Participant Data

Sept. 15 - Participant Data for CLASS Random Sample

Dec. 31 - Final Enrollment Data

July 31 - Program Completion Data (for Prior FY)

Annual Quality Performance Report (QPR)

- Submit QPR using First 5 California's Online Reporting System
- Due October 1st following each program year
- First Round 2 report due October 1, 2014
(Round 1 QPR due October 1, 2013)

CARES Plus RFA Contact Information

Please submit RFA related questions to
caresplus@ccfc.ca.gov

Questions will be reviewed and posted as FAQs.

Last date to submit questions for FAQs is
April 15, 2013.