Crayons to Computers Early Childhood Program
Kentucky 2019-2020 Application

Crayons to Computers recognizes the importance of quality early childhood education in a student's academic development. Starting in 2013, we developed a partnership with 4C for Children to help evaluate and expand the Crayons to Computers Early Childhood Program. We continue to review and accept new qualifying programs on a yearly basis. Please see the criteria listed below for new applicants to this program. If your center meets these requirements, we invite you to apply to participate in our program.

Founded in 1997, Crayons to Computers is a nonprofit organization that addresses the critical need of providing classroom supplies to students and teachers throughout Greater Cincinnati. Through the Teacher Free Store and Mobile Outreach Program, we offer a variety of materials that support learning, including basic supplies like books, crayons, paper, scissors, and pencils as well as enrichment and incentive items that teachers can use to motivate and inspire student engagement. Crayons to Computers currently serves 450 Preschool through Grade 12 schools from 16 Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Indiana counties. Since inception, Crayons to Computers has distributed over $164 million worth of free educational materials, now serving more than 114,000 students each academic year.

If accepted into our program, the Director and other designated, eligible staff are permitted to shop at our Teacher Free Store up to 10 times a school year, which runs August through May. Shopping hours are: Monday – Thursday, 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM, and generally, the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00AM – 2:00 PM.

To be considered, Kentucky Early Childhood Programs must:
- Serve preschool children (ages 2-5);
- Be located within the 16 counties currently served by Crayons to Computers including the 5 Northern Kentucky counties: Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, Pendleton;
- Accept state assistance from families who qualify to help them pay for childcare;
- Be in operation for at least 1 year;
- Be a Child Care Center OR Family Child Care Program that:
    o Is STAR rated with the Kentucky All STARS program OR
    o Is working with 4C for Children and actively working toward a STAR rating

Completed applications must be received by Friday, April 19, 2019 for consideration. Programs qualifying will be notified prior to the start of the 2019-2020 academic school year. Selected programs are required to attend an orientation program prior to shopping.

Applications and questions should be submitted to Stefanie Clayton at sclayton@crayons2computers.org. Applications may be mailed or faxed to the address below:

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Crayons to Computers
Attn: Stefanie Clayton
1350 Tennessee Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45229
Fax: 513-482-3294

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To be completed by the Director of the Early Childhood Program or FCC Provider:

General Program Information

Director/Provider name: _____

Program name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Number of years as the Director/Provider of this program: _____

Type of Program (check all that apply):

_____ For-Profit   _____ Non-Profit

_____ Full-Day   _____ Part-Day

_____ Type I Provider   _____ Certified Family Child Care Provider

_____ Type II Provider   _____ Head Start

If In-Home Family Care Program:

_____ Small-family (6 or fewer children)   _____ Large-family (more than 6 children)

Enrollment and Need

Total current enrollment: _____

Number of children per age group:

Infant (0-18 months) _____   Toddler (18-36 months) _____

Preschool (age 3-5) _____   School Age (5-10) _____

Number of children enrolled who currently receive state assistance to pay for childcare_____

Number of Classrooms: _____   Number of Lead Teachers: _____

Number of Assistant Teachers/Teacher Aides: _____

Program Quality

Has your program been in operation for one year? Yes _____   No _____

Is your program currently participating in Kentucky's Kentucky All STARS Quality Rating System?   Yes_____   No _____

        If yes, indicate quality (star) rating (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5): _____

Does your program currently have a coach from 4C for Children?   Yes _____   No _____

If yes, please provide their name: _____

What unique challenges are faced by staff, families, and children in your program? How would participating in Crayons to Computers help address these needs for your center?

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What are ways your center demonstrates commitment to quality improvement? How would access to supplies at Crayons enhance the quality of your program?

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By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Director/Provider Signature   Date