



Crayons to Computers Early Childcare Program Indiana Spring 2024 Application

Crayons to Computers recognizes the importance of quality early childhood education in a student's academic development. Starting in 2013, we developed community partnerships in Early Childhood to help evaluate and expand the Crayons to Computers Early Childcare Program. Please see the criteria listed below for new applicants to this program. If your center meets these requirements, [we invite you to apply for 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 Resource Center, 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 over 450 Preschool Programs and PreK through Grade 12 schools from 16 Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Indiana counties. Since inception, Crayons to Computers has distributed over \$196 million worth of free educational materials!

If accepted into our program, the Director and other designated, eligible staff are permitted to shop at our Teacher Resource Center up to 10 times a school year, which runs August through May. Shopping hours are: Tuesday – Thursday, 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM, and generally, the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

To be considered, Indiana Early Childhood Programs must:

- Serve preschool children (ages 3-5);
- Be located within the Indiana counties served by Crayons to Computers: Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio;
- 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 is actively seeking or has achieved a high-quality rating through Paths to QUALITY.

Completed applications must be received by Friday, May 3, 2024 for consideration. Programs will be notified of their status by Friday, June 7th, 2024. Selected programs are required to attend an orientation program prior to shopping for the 2024-2025 school year. Please note, there is a \$25 access fee per teacher. We have previously had grant funds to help cover it. This will be discussed at orientation, if accepted.

Applications and questions should be submitted to Caitlin Philpott at cphilpott@crayons2computers.org. Applications may be mailed to the address below:

**Crayons to Computers
Attn: Caitlin Philpott
1350 Tennessee Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45229**



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

General Program Information

Director/Administrator name: _____

Program name: _____

Address: _____

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

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

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

Type of Program (check all that apply):

- For-Profit Non-Profit
Full-Day Part-Day
Type I Provider Certified/Registered 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 participating in Indiana's Paths to QUALITY Rating System? Yes No

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

Is your program involved in any continuous improvement or coaching ?

Yes No

If yes, please describe:

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?



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

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

Director/Provider Signature

Date