



## **Crayons to Computers Early Childcare Program Kentucky 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, Kentucky Early Childhood Programs must:**

- Serve preschool children (ages 2-5);
- Be located within the Northern Kentucky counties served by Crayons to Computers: Boone, Bracken, Kenton, Campbell, Gallatin, Grant, Pendleton;
- Accept CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) funding from families who qualify;
- Be in operation for at least 1 year;
- Be a Child Care Center OR Family Child Care Program that:
  - o Is actively seeking or has achieved a high-quality rating with Kentucky All STARS OR
  - o Is recommended to Crayons through EC Learn or the Family Child Care Network of Kentucky

**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](mailto: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**

Program name: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Administrator 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 Kentucky's Kentucky All STARS Quality Rating System? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

Is your program involved in continuous improvement or coaching through EC Learn or a similar organization?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director/Provider Signature

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Date