



Fun Family Activities Mini Grant Applications Now Being Accepted!

The Rhode Island Department of Education's Early Learning and Development Standards (RIELDS) Project, is accepting applications for mini grants to support the implementation of parent workshop modules for the Fun Family Activities Project. Fun Family Activities is a parent workshop series developed to support families in their use of the Fun Family Activities cards. With the implementation of the new RI Early Learning and Development Standards, the cards and the parent modules contain information and activities for children from birth to age 5. The workshop series is conducted by RIELDS certified facilitators.

This grant supports programs in hosting a series of parent workshops that help families nurture their child's growth & support future learning. Funding will cover cost of contracting with Fun Families Certified Facilitators who will conduct a 6 week series of parent trainings to be held March-May 2015. Applicants come from a wide variety of background including but not limited to community organizations, nonprofit organizations, schools, child care providers, faith based organizations, or other organizations who work with families of young children.

If you are interested in applying please pay attention to the following dates:

PRE GRANT APPLICATION WEBINAR

Pre Grant conference calls will provide an overview of the grant and application requirements. Mini Grant applicants are required to participate on one of these calls if they did not previously apply during fall 2014.

Two dates for participation are available:

January 12th and January 14th, 2015, both events will be held from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Please register by sending an email to:

meiklejohn.deb@gmail.com and include FFA Webinar in the subject line of the email

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE will be January 30th at 5pm.

GRANTEE AWARD MEETING - Meeting attendance is required for all who are awarded.

The meeting will be held on February 10th from 6-7:30pm.

For Questions please contact:



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Who can apply: Community organizations, nonprofit organizations, schools, child care providers, faith based organizations, or other organizations who work with families of young children.

To apply for a mini grant, organizations must meet the following conditions:

- Applicants who did not apply for a mini grant in Fall, 2014, **must** participate in one of two scheduled pre-grant webinars to review the requirements of the proposal.

The webinars are scheduled for

January 12, 2015 from 6-7:30 PM, and January 14, 2015 from 6-7:30 PM.

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Please type **FFA Webinar in the subject line of the email.**

- If awarded, the training must be conducted with a group of families who can best benefit from the information and experience provided by Fun Family Activities.
- The grantee agrees to provide a final report after completion of the modules, on a template provided, including information on how this training supported your family engagement goals and what outcomes were achieved through this grant. Applicants agree to include evaluation and feedback information from participating families.
- The grantee agrees to complete and submit all required documentation of expenses.
- The grantee is able to schedule the full series between February 11, 2015 and May 31, 2015.
- The training must be conducted by qualified early childhood and parent training professionals who have completed the updated RIELDS Fun Family Activities Certification process.

In exchange, the RIELDS Project will provide funding to meet expenses associated with facilitator fees and purchasing materials required to implement the Fun Family Activities training series. The costs have been predetermined by the RIELDS project, not to exceed \$660.00 per facilitator (2 allowed for each series) and up to \$650.00 for materials.

If you are interested in applying for a mini grant, please complete the application, and e-mail to Deb Meiklejohn at meiklejohn.deb@gmail.com no later than January 31, 2015 at 5:00 PM. The application is also available online www.ripin.org. Please put **FFA Mini Grant Application** in the subject line of your email.

For more information on the project, visit <http://www.ripin.org/EarlyLearning.html> or <https://exceed.ri.gov/>.

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Application for Mini Grants for Fun Family Activities Parent Modules – Winter 2015

Organizational Contact Information	
Name of Organization:	
Address:	
Lead Contact Person and Title:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Person who participated in pre-grant meeting/webinar: Name:	Date:
Proposed Project Information	
What are your program's family engagement initiatives and goals, and how will this project support those goals?	

Describe the target families (i.e. specified populations, geographic residency etc.) you will recruit for participation in this project. *If inviting families in your program, please include demographics for those families.*

How will you recruit parents to participate in the training? What methods will you use?

How many participants will you be able to recruit who will commit to the full series?

Will any of your participants be early childhood professionals? If so, please explain your rationale for having them attend the full Fun Family Activities parent modules rather than the Next Steps session or Training of Facilitators. In addition, how will you ensure that the sessions remain parent focused?

List the outcomes you hope to demonstrate by offering the Fun Family Activities parent workshop series. Be sure that your outcomes relate to the Fun Family Activities project and are measurable. *More information on the outcomes of the Fun Family Activities project will be shared during the pre-grant webinar.*

For each of the outcomes listed in the previous question, please indicate what tools you will use to measure success? *(Be specific. i.e. If you will gather information through a pre/post survey, list the question(s) you will ask to measure success)*

Do you have RIELDS certified facilitators to conduct the series, or will you need to connect through our Facilitator Database?
(If you have certified facilitators, please list their names and contact information here)

When will the training take place? *(Must be completed by May 31, 2015)*

What adult friendly training space will you use?

What will your organization contribute to this project in the way of additional resources or in kind supports?