



Summary Notice of Funding Availability

Reporting Form

DHHS Division/Office Issuing This Notice: Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

Date of This Notice: August 22, 2025

Program Name: North Carolina Child Care Academies

Purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA): This RFA seeks applicants for the successful implementation and sustainability of the Child Care Academies across North Carolina to address the shortage of child care workers by offering a free, two to three-week Child Care Academy. As part of the Child Care Academy model, this RFA prioritizes providing comprehensive training and certification for individuals new to the early childhood education field to expand the early childhood workforce in North Carolina.

Funding Source: Preschool Development Grant Birth-Through Five (PDG B-5)

Funding Availability: A maximum of **\$50,000.00 is available for up to 10 institutions each** will be available through this application for up to nine months to administer child care academies for the funding period of October 15, 2025 – July 31, 2026.

Applicant Eligibility: This RFA is open to the North Carolina Community Colleges and universities included in the UNC System **ONLY**.

How to Apply: A link to submit the application and detailed application submission instructions will be available on the DCDEE website by **5:00pm, September 2, 2025**.

Intent to Apply:

Eligible agencies and/or organizations interested in applying for this RFA are encouraged to notify DCDEE of their intent to apply via the following link-<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCPWZTM> no later than **5:00 p.m., September 19, 2025**.

Agencies and/or organizations are **not** required to notify of their intent to respond to this RFA; this information is requested to assist DCDEE in planning. Responses to this notice of intent are not binding and will not impact the review and scoring of your RFA submission. Data from this survey is used by the State PREP Team for planning and research purposes only.

PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE: DCDEE plans on hosting a Pre-Application Conference for this RFA on **September 12, 2025 at 11:30am-12:30pm**. The webinar will be recorded if agency staff are unavailable to attend the scheduled date and time.

Please click the link to join online.

<https://ncgov.webex.com/ncgov/j.php?MTID=mc6491fbb64c1d4de94c9708f78ac410f>

Join by the webinar number

Webinar number (access code): 2432 059 9086

Webinar password: prea (7732 when dialing from a phone or video system)

DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES concerning this RFA send in writing to:

DCDEE Contracts Unit RFA: Email address: DCDEE.Contracts.Unit.RFA@dhhs.nc.gov

Deadline for Submission:

Applications, subject to the following conditions, must be received no later than **5:00 p.m., Wednesday September 24, 2025.**