



Preschool for All and Prevention Initiative Partner Application

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is there a fillable application form?

Yes, this is available on our website or by e-mailing luz.ibarra@actforchildren.org.

2. Can I resubmit my application with changes?

Yes, you can make your changes and resubmit as long as it is before the deadline on June 29, 2018. Please notify Maria Ibarra that you will make changes to your application by e-mailing luz.ibarra@actforchildren.org.

3. What if I have more classrooms than this application allows?

Please insert additional rows into the table.

4. Are we able to provide transportation?

Yes, you are able to provide transportation for children in your program at your own expense. IAFC will need to be added to your liability insurance.

5. Is a Continuous Quality Improvement Plan (CQIP) required?

You don't need to submit a CQIP with your application.

6. Why is a paraprofessional license required?

At least one staff member in each PFA classroom needs a paraprofessional license. This is an ISBE requirement and demonstrates a minimum level of proficiency.

7. Would I qualify if one classroom is currently empty and what would my recruitment plan would be?

The model is that the classroom already has to be in place. We will then go in and ask for a class list, space, and materials and then begin to implement. Please refer to page 2-3 of the Rubric for the criteria for the Recruitment plan.

8. Please explain the difference between part day and full day.

All Prevention Initiative classrooms will operate for a five hour full day in FY 19. Centers may apply for a part day or full day option for Preschool for All, although it is not guaranteed that a full day option will be available. Part day is 2.5 hours and the PEL teacher works in two different classrooms of children each day.

9. What kids qualify to be served? Anyone in Chicago?

Any child in Illinois, outside of the city of Chicago, with a family income below 200% of FPL is eligible. Children in the city of Chicago are served by the city's allocation of PFA/PI funding.

10. How will sites be selected?

Sites will be selected based on the demonstrated need in the community and the quality of the application.

11. How will sites be notified if they've been selected?

Sites will be notified by receiving a letter. Letters will be sent in July.

12. How often are home visits conducted?

Prevention Initiative includes a home visiting component, with bi-weekly home visits. Preschool for All includes a home visit at the beginning of the year to build a home/school connection. Visits can take place at the center or a community location if the parent is uncomfortable with a visit in the home.

13. Is there a word limit for the different sections?

No, please be as detailed as possible.

14. What is the reimbursement rate?

IAFC provides significant resources to partners, including partial reimbursement of the costs of the paraprofessional/qualified teacher assistant. That amount in FY 18 was \$10,000 PFA and \$12,000 for PI. We are evaluating these rates. In addition, sites receive a high-qualified PEL or BA teacher, teacher coaching, classroom supplies and monthly field trips.

15. Will PI be full day?

For FY19 PI will be full day.