



## Cleveland Co. Partnership for Children & Child Care Connections' Education Incentive Bonus 2020-2021

**Directors, teachers, and assistant teachers** in all licensed facilities in Cleveland County who are registered for classes in Early Childhood Education or in pursuit of a degree in Early Childhood Education and **remain employed in a licensed facility in Cleveland County** may participate in the Education Incentive Bonus.

- Participants will receive a bonus for each college credit hour in Early Childhood Education or classes working toward a degree in Early Childhood Education they complete during Fall Semester 2020 and Spring Semester 2021
  - Participants who completed a course with a grade “A” may receive up to \$75 per credit hour (ex. \$75 for 1 hr. credit class, \$150 for 2 hr. credit class, \$225 for 3 hr credit class, etc.).
  - Participants who completed a course with a Grade “C” or “B” may receive up to \$50 per credit hour (ex. \$50 for 1 hr. credit class, \$100 for 2 hr. credit class, \$150 for 3 hr credit class, etc.).
  - **Participants may be reimbursed for no more than 24 credit hours or \$1,800.00 per year.**
- After Class registration, applicants need to bring a completed application form and a copy of their registration form or class schedule to the Provider Services staff at Child Care Connections.

**\*Deadlines for the 2019-2020 Bonuses are as follows:**

**Fall Applications due by October 16, 2020**

**Fall Official Transcripts due January 22, 2021**

**Spring Applications due by March 19, 2021**

**Spring Official Transcripts due June 15, 2021**

- **Upon completion of the course, an unofficial transcript with a receipt of an official transcript sent to DCDEE Workforce Education Unit must be turned in to the staff at Child Care Connections before issued a bonus.**
- Providers will be served on a first come/first serve basis as long as funds are available.
- Priority will be given to assisting as many providers as possible complete at least six hours of college credit in Early Childhood Education in a 12 month period.
- **THESE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL BONUSES.**

**Remember!!!!**

**A Graduation Award is available this year. Requirements for this award are the same as for the Education Bonus: 1) Must be employed at a license child care facility in Cleveland County  
2) A graduation award application must be completed and returned with a copy of an official transcript showing Early Childhood Degrees, certificates, and/or diploma earned.**

**There is a limit of \$50 per project year for eligible providers. Deadline for application of the Graduation Award is June 15, 2021!**

If you have questions please call Shermunda Lawrence at Child Care Connections at 704-487-7397 ext. 100.

Disclaimer: Approval of application does not guarantee funds will be available.

Important: Bonuses will not be issued without a completed application.