Grant Title: EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

Area of Research: Enhancing the ability of families and communities to nurture their children

Deadline: Letters of Inquiry: December 1st (Spring Cycle); May 1st (Fall Cycle). Invited Full Proposal: January 15th (Spring Cycle); June 15th (Fall Cycle).

Amount: Average grant size is $25,000.

Length of Support: Typically one year.

Eligible applicants: The Foundation only supports U.S. organizations with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. They do not consider proposals to support locally focused, direct service projects of organizations such as child care centers, schools, professional education programs, individuals, capital expenditures, endowments, scholarships, general operating expenses, or deficit reduction.

Foundation: A. L. Mailman Family Foundation

Summary: The Foundation funds projects of national or regional import in the early childhood field. We are especially interested in projects that have the capacity to inform national early childhood policy or the policy of more than one state; improve state and national systems of training, funding, compensation, and accountability in order to make high quality learning programs available to more young children; explore new approaches to building and maintaining a diverse, competent, and stable early childhood workforce, with diverse and effective leadership at all levels; build support for increased public financing of early learning and family support programs and parental leave; create and disseminate innovative early childhood training and curriculum materials that support social/emotional and language development, appreciation of diversity, and joyful learning; engage families as active partners and advocates; promote policies and programs that respect families' strengths, cultures, and needs, build supportive communities, and address the special needs of poor children; show unusual creativity and a playful, caring spirit.

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