

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Summer Program Option

For Fiscal Year 2014, slots remained after the fifth round of funding. In order to utilize the entire GSRP allocation, intermediate school districts (ISDs) have the option of accepting additional slots to serve children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall who have not received a preschool program during the school year. ISDs interested in serving children during the summer that provide a description of the unserved, eligible children and how they will be recruited are eligible to request slots. Funding is available for one "slot" per child (\$3,625). The required minimum dosage is 360 hours. Examples of acceptable schedules are:

- 4 days a week X 10 hours a day X 9 weeks = 360 hours, or
- 4 days a week X 8 hours a day X 12 weeks = 384 hours, or
- 5 days a week X 10 hours a day X 8 weeks = 400 hours, or
- 5 days a week X 8 hours a day X 9 weeks = 360 hours.

After the deadline for requesting Summer GSRP slots, allocations will be made based on the existing ISD poverty ranking as outlined in the *GSRP Implementation Manual*.

The following requirements have been modified for ISDs receiving Summer GSRP slots:

- ISDs will coordinate services, recruitment and enrollment with any other summer services, as appropriate;
- Current and prospective subrecipients will be given the opportunity to receive Summer GSRP slots;
- Each family will minimally receive one parent-teacher conference;
- Parent satisfaction with services provided will be measured;
- ISDs will report children served in Summer GSRP in the MSDS Early Childhood End of Program (EOP) 2014 Collection; and
- ISDs and/or subrecipient(s) will attend MDE Summer GSRP conference calls or webinars.

Summer GSRP will meet all Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Care Licensing rules and *GSRP Implementation Manual* requirements, including:

- Classroom staff who meet GSRP credentialing requirements and receive the services of a qualified Early Childhood Specialist;
- Use of School Nutrition and/or Child and Adult Care Food Program to offset food costs;
- Developmental screening and ongoing comprehensive assessment will be completed with each enrolled child;
- Use of a comprehensive curriculum aligned with the *Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten*;

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- Data based decision-making;
- Transition activities that target parent involvement;
- A written evaluation plan that includes summer programming; and
- Compliance with reporting and monitoring requirements.

The Summer GSRP option will be evaluated throughout the summer. Results will determine future funding of this program option.