

**Smiling Tots Daycare/Preschool
Provider Accreditation**

April 1st – June 30th

Submitted by:

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| Contractor (Contact) FY08 Amount | Target Audience and Goals | Scope of Services | Performance Measures | FY08 Outcome Reports |
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| Smiling Tots Day Care / Preschool (Kathleen Swenka) Provider Accreditation \$3,000 Spent \$512.07 | To Achieve National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation in two child development homes (Iowa City and North Liberty) | The two providers will work together through the self-study process and will apply to obtain national accreditation for each of their programs. Both will educate other providers on the NAFCC accreditation process. | Providers will have finished the self-study process and will apply for accreditation through NAFCC. Providers will have made environmental changes according to the NAFCC standards. Providers will achieve a FCCRS summary score of 5 out of a possible 7. Providers will participate in the QRS at a Level IV or Level V. | Progress toward completion of self-study process. In process Pre- and post-participation environmental changes. In process FCCRS summary scores: 5.9 and 6.1; no score less than 2 QRS participation: 5 1st provider and in process for 2nd provider Report specific equipment purchased and results on program quality: Both programs have put into practice the materials |

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| | | | | <p>purchased in 2nd quarter. These materials meet the standards for accessibility and storage of materials in the space arrangement for the Environment category. In addition, both providers are also using their new materials to improve diversity in their classrooms. Parents are aware of the changes and have made positive comments about what they are observing.</p> |
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1. Implementation

- Working on self study process of accreditation
- Completed assessment process of the Family Child care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS). Puzzle Box received a score of 6.1 out of 7.0 and Smiling Tots received a score of 5.9 out of 7.0. Neither received a sub-scale score lower than a 2.0.
- Kathy Swenka (Smiling Tots) received fingerprint clearing from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) on August 24, 2007. Louise Rhode (Puzzle Box) has submitted fingerprints and is awaiting clearance.
- Smiling Tots received a 5 star rating from the Iowa Department of Human Services for the Iowa Quality Rating System on August 1, 2007. Puzzle Box is in the process of gathering the materials needed for the application and anticipates a score of 5 once the application is complete and processed.
- Provider 1 has received clearance from the national background check (FBI).
- Provider 1 has passed TB test for accreditation process
- Provider 1 is waiting an installation date of fencing for outdoor playground and a concrete pad for a new building.
- Provider 1 has been affected by the flooding and is currently working with contractors to secure the lower level of her home. She experienced ground seepage water from the high water table; her home is above the Coralville damn. The water caused 2 walls to bow and severe cracking. The extreme high moisture (85 to 95%) for several weeks cause heavy mold to the majority of the lower level. The foundation is block walls and currently the contractors are re-supporting the walls with steel I-beams and resurfacing the walls with concrete (64 feet). She replaced the lower level windows and added a second sump pump and drainage tile. A concrete entrance patio (12 x 14) has to be broke out, re-graded then re-poured. The high water table caused the patio to buckle placing presser on the North wall of the home. The patio will be replaced sometime in late August. Provider 1 will apply for accreditation observation once her home is repaired and fence installed, should be sometime in October.
- Provider 2 has installed in her lower level, meeting Iowa Code, energy efficient windows and one is a direct fire escape with a quick release lever.
- Provider 2 has installed new French doors in main entrance leading to outdoor play area.
- Larger windows and the new doors provide natural lightning and open up the possibilities for more exploration of nature right outside the play room windows and entry way.
- Provider 2 is currently working with a contractor to replace stairway banister, to meet code for installation of gates at top and bottom of stair cases.

2. Resource materials / Equipment

- Provider 1 has spent \$7,000 for fencing which was washed away by the flooding in Cedar Rapids and at this time \$15,000 in repairs for the water damage home. The fence had not been installed due to the massive raining. She has lost about 12,000 in childcare equipment and countless hours disinfecting childcare equipment. There is no insurance coverage for any of the damage or anyway to obtain coverage for the further and at this point no help from FEMA. Provider 2 has spent about \$6,500 for windows and doors needed for the accreditation section of Health and Safety. However, those materials were purchased with funds other than Empowerment grant funds.

3. Program evaluation.

Process Evaluation

- Both programs are in the process of completing the self-study.

- FCCERS complete for both programs.
- Smiling Tots has received QRS rating; Puzzle Box is in application process.

Outcome Evaluation

- FCCERS scores of 6.1 and 5.9, no score less than 2.0.
- QRS rating of 5 for Smiling Tots.

4. Budget / Expenditure report

Attached

Empowerment Final Budget Report (follow program proposal budget)

Program Name: Smiling Tots Daycare/Preschool

Reporting Period: June 30, 2008

| | Contracted budget amounts | Total Empowerment Expenditures | Total Other Expenditures | Total Year-To- Date Expenditures |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. Salaries & Personnel | 0 | | \$1000 (50 hrs e | \$3,600 |
| Program costs (provide detail) | | | | |
| a. accreditation assessment fee/ mailing | 490 | 490 | 0 | 490 |
| b. | | | | |
| 2. Program costs subtotal | 490 | 490 | 0 | 490 |
| Participant supports (provide detail) | | | | |
| a. (P1) Relationships | | | | \$410.00 |
| b. (P1) The Environment | | | | \$1,515.00 |
| c. (P1) Developmental Learning Activities | | | | \$1,150.00 |
| d. (P1) Safety & Health | | | 7000 | \$7,281.00 |
| e. (P1) Professional resources | | | | \$244.00 |
| a. (P2) Relationships | | | | \$0.00 |
| b. (P2) The Environment | | | | \$30.00 |
| c. (P2) Developmental Learning Activities | | 22.07 | 0 | \$509.07 |
| d. (P2) Safety & Health | | | 6500 | \$6,500.00 |
| e. (P2) Professional resources | | | | \$325.00 |
| 3. Participant supports subtotal | 0 | 22.07 | 13500 | \$17,964.07 |
| Equipment (provide detail) | | | | |
| Based on FCCERS and self-study | 2510 | | | |
| Provider 1 - | | \$1,254.89 | | \$1,254.89 |
| Provider 2 - | | 1233.04 | | 1233.04 |
| 4. Equipment subtotal | 2510 | 2487.93 | 0.00 | 2487.93 |
| Other (provide detail) | | | | |
| a. | | | | |
| b. | | | | |
| 5. Other subtotal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. TOTAL DIRECT | 3000 | 3000.00 | 13500 | \$24,542.00 |
| Administration | | | | |
| Other indirect | | | | |
| 7. TOTAL INDIRECT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 3000 | 3000 | 13500 | \$16,500.00 |

From: Laurie Nash [mailto:empower@jccempowerment.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 3:33 PM
To: 'Louise Rhode'
Subject: RE: grant paperwork

Louise & Kathy,

The dates of the report should be April 1 - June 30, 2008 and July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

Our financial records indicate total expenditures of \$3,000. The specific line items are \$2,510 for equipment and \$490 for accreditation fees.

I hope this helps.

Thanks,
Laurie

From: Louise Rhode [mailto:weaserbug@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 3:22 PM
To: Laurie Nash
Subject: grant paperwork

Hi Laurie,

I am attaching what I have for Kathy's and my 4th quarter **written** report for our grant.

Kathy's phone is busy and I can't reach her. The second form that she sent over to me (the accounting log report) doesn't look right to me and I have been trying to get a hold of her to ask about it.

I will send it to you also if you want, but as I said it doesn't look right to me.

I already sent you my receipts and Kathy should have one for 247.50 also for the second half of our accreditation fees, so maybe you can figure out what is wrong with the version Kathy has sent to me. OK, I will send it over too because I know you need it, but **it does not feel right to me**. Can you help us fix it? I will keep trying to get a hold of Kathy.

I would appreciate any help you can give us at this point. Thanks.
As soon as I can talk with Kathy, I will send you anything new we come up with.
Again, THANK-YOU!
Louise