



Great Families 2020 FAQ for December 16, 2016

1. Will children “age out” of the program once they reach kindergarten?
Yes, but GF 2020 will continue to track them (assessing academic indicators) beyond kindergarten. Services will continue to be provided to these families (e.g., FES services) as long as the families’ case plans are active. New families with young children will need to be enrolled to maintain the overall caseload of the project.
2. What children in enrolled families count as participants?
Only young children who are engaged with a ECE provider that is either a subgrantee or contractor.
3. Do families have to reside within neighborhood boundaries to be enrolled in GF 2020?
United Way expects that the vast majority of enrolled families will be residing in the targeted neighborhoods. However, we recognize that there will likely be a few families that resided outside of the neighborhoods’ boundaries, but are actively engaged with services provided in the neighborhood.
4. Can families that move out of the target neighborhoods remain in the program?
Yes, as long as they have an active case plan and remain engaged in the program.
5. How should applicants address other metrics identified in the RFP other than the core outcomes for ECE and FES?
The 3rd party evaluator will work with subgrantees to identify relevant outcomes in other domains (e.g., health/wellness, social capital) as part of development of the overall evaluation plan. There will be opportunities for subgrantees to include outcomes that may be unique to their projects.
6. Can On My Way Pre-K and/or Indy PSP scholarship money be counted as subgrantee match?
No these cannot be counted as match by the subgrantees because they will be counted as part of the \$7 million United Way match.
7. If a parent is in prison, can their child participate in the program?
The child can only participate in the program if a parent or guardian is also engaged in the program. In this case, the child would not be able to participate unless the subgrantee was providing services in the prison to the parent or the child’s other local parent/guardian was enrolled in the program.
8. What are the threshold criteria that each application has to meet in order to be considered?
Each application will be reviewed for the following criteria before being passed on to the review team: subgrantees are 501(c)3 organizations, focused on services in the targeted neighborhoods, documentation for 10% of required match, letter of commitment from subgrantee board chair, registered and in good standing with federal System for Award Management (SAM), application received on time (by 5:00 PM January 9, 2017), and application is complete with all necessary attachments.