Crayons to Computers Early Childcare Program
Ohio Spring 2024 Application

Crayons to Computers recognizes the importance of quality early childhood education in a student's academic development. Starting in 2013, we developed a partnership with 4C for Children to help evaluate and expand the Crayons to Computers Early Childcare Program. Please see the criteria listed below for new applicants to this program. If your center meets these requirements, we invite you to apply to our program.

Founded in 1997, Crayons to Computers is a nonprofit organization that addresses the critical need of providing classroom supplies to students and teachers throughout Greater Cincinnati. Through the Teacher Resource Center, we offer a variety of materials that support learning, including basic supplies like books, crayons, paper, scissors, and pencils as well as enrichment and incentive items that teachers can use to motivate and inspire student engagement. Crayons to Computers currently serves over 450 Preschool Programs and PreK through Grade 12 schools from 16 Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Indiana counties. Since inception, Crayons to Computers has distributed over $196 million worth of free educational materials!

If accepted into our program, the Director and other designated, eligible staff are permitted to shop at our Teacher Resource Center up to 10 times a school year, which runs August through May. Shopping hours are: Tuesday – Thursday, 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM, and generally, the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

To be considered, Ohio centers must:
- Serve preschool children (ages 3-5);
- Be located within the 6 counties currently served by Crayons to Computers: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Warren;
- Accept state assistance from families who qualify to help them pay for childcare;
- Be in operation for at least 1 year;
- Be a Child Care Center OR Family Child Care Program that:
    - Currently holds a quality (star) rating with Ohio's Step Up to Quality OR
    - Is working with 4C for Children and actively in pursuit of a quality rating with Ohio's Step Up to Quality

Completed applications must be received by Friday, May 3, 2024 for consideration. Programs will be notified of their status by Friday, June 7th, 2024. Selected programs are required to attend an orientation program prior to shopping for the 2024-2025 school year. Please note, there is a $25 access fee per teacher. We have previously had grant funds to help cover it. This will be discussed at orientation, if accepted.

Applications and questions should be submitted to Caitlin Philpott at **cphilpott@crayons2computers.org**. Applications may be mailed to the address below:

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Crayons to Computers
Attn: Caitlin Philpott
1350 Tennessee Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45229

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To be completed by the Owner or Director of the Early Childhood Program or FCC Provider:
General Program Information

Program name: _____

Director/Administrator name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone#: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Number of years as the Director/Administrator of this program: _____

Type of Program (check all that apply):

____ For-Profit   ____ Non-Profit

____ Full-Day   ____ Part-Day

____ Child Care Center   ____ Head Start

____ In-Home/Family Care Program

If In-Home Family Care Program:

____ Small-family (6 or fewer children)   ____ Large-family (more than 6 children)

Enrollment and Need

Total current enrollment: _____

Number of children per age group:

Infant (0-18 months) ____   Toddler (18-36 months) ____

Preschool (age 3-5) ____   School Age (5-10) ____

Number of children enrolled who currently receive state assistance to pay for childcare: ____

Number of Classrooms: ____   Number of Lead Teachers: ____

Number of Assistant Teachers/Teacher Aides: ____

Program Quality

Has your program been in operation for one year? Yes ____   No ____

Does your program currently hold a quality (star) rating with Ohio's Step-Up to Quality Rating System?

Yes ____   No ____

　　　If yes, date rating achieved: _____
　　　If yes, indicate quality (star) rating (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5): _____

Has your program applied for a quality (star) rating with Step-Up to Quality?
　　　Yes _____ No _____
　　　If yes, date applied _____

Does your program currently have a coach from 4C for Children?   Yes____ No _____

If yes, please provide their name: _____

What unique challenges are faced by staff, families, and children in your program? How would participating in Crayons to Computers help address these needs for your program?

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What are ways your center demonstrates commitment to quality improvement? How would access to supplies at Crayons enhance the quality of your program?

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By signing below, I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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Director/Provider Signature   Date