



## Child Care Quality Improvement Initiative--N.E.S.T.S. (New Employee Screening & Training Scholarships)

Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas County, Inc. (CCC) has scholarships available through the Child Care Quality Improvement Initiative (N.E.S.T.S.) to assist a limited number of child care providers with the upfront costs associated with hiring new staff.

### What will the program pay for?

- Level II Background Screening Fees

*Employers may be reimbursed for the Level II background screenings for employees within 90 days of their date of hire.*

- Class and Exam Fees for the following:
  - ✓ 30-Hour Introductory Training for Centers (Instructor Led)
  - ✓ 30-Hour Introductory Training for Family Child Care Homes (Instructor Led)
  - ✓ 5-Hour Early Literacy or VPK Emergent Literacy Training (On-line)
  - ✓ 10-Hour Developmentally Appropriate Practices\*(DAP) Modules (Instructor Led)  
\*Infant/Toddler, Pre-School, School Age or Special Needs

*The scholarship reimburses the employer fees paid for instructor led classes with the exception of the online Early Literacy and Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructors (VPK instructors must take the Emergent Literacy for VPK Instructor) and exams.*

### Who is eligible to participate?

- Newly hired (with in six months) employees working in School Readiness approved (i.e. has a School Readiness agreement with CCC) child care centers and/or large family child care homes.
- Employees who are required to take an additional DAP-Module for work assignment (i.e. working with infants)

*Prior to participation, both employer and employee are required to complete a participant's agreement which outlines expectations, timelines and responsibilities.*

### How can I apply for this program?

The employer completes the Employee Referral Form available on-line at [www.childcarepinellas.org](http://www.childcarepinellas.org), or by calling Eva Mathews at 727-547-4205.

### Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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