Last year, $2 million of federal funding was utilized to fund a pilot program serving Child Care Works eligible infants and toddlers via contracted slots. The Governor's 2019-20 budget includes $15 million to expand the Infant Toddler Contracted Slots program to serve more eligible children. The Infant Toddler Contracted Slots Program builds upon the already established infrastructure of the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (PA PKC) Program model. PA PKC has been in existence since 2007 and provides high quality pre-kindergarten services to eligible children. Building an infant toddler focused program with established PA PKC programs will allow continued focus on quality programming while building strong transitions from infant-toddler to pre-kindergarten classrooms.

Child care providers from across the commonwealth are encouraged to apply for the 980 expansion Infant Toddler Contract slots. Eligible providers must currently serve PA Pre-K Counts funded children and have an established infant/toddler program.

Application due by Monday, September 9, 2019, by 3:00 p.m.

To learn more visit: http://bit.ly/ITCS-RFA

ELRC Role

- Remind eligible providers to apply (especially those in areas where there are high CCW waitlists).
- Provide, at minimum, contact information for one point person at each ELRC for this project. This contact person will be included in the decision making process and reliable contact information is needed.

Important Upcoming Dates:
- Application due - Monday, September 9, 2019, by 3:00 p.m.
- Peer review process completed - September 9 - September 30. ELRCs will also be informed of those applications in their regions and asked for their feedback on CCW waiting lists, etc.
- Final awarding shared with relevant ELRCs - Friday, October 4, 2019.
- PA Key informs applicants of awards or non-award via email - Monday, October 7, 2019.
- Relevant ELRC Contacts and awarded providers contacted by the PA Key to inform of next steps for completing contracts - October 2019.

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