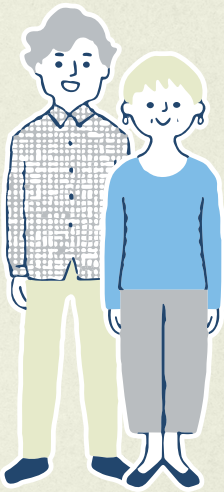


# Bright Futures B-5 Slot Expansion Grants Supporting Montana's Child Care Providers



## Who's Eligible?

- Licensed and/or registered family child care homes, group child care homes, centers, and school-age programs
- Early Head Start, Head Start, AIAN Early Head Start and AIAN Head Start
- Tribally licensed programs
- Providers that have not previously received ARPA Innovation Grant Funds

**Total Funding**  
**\$2 million over two years**

## Purpose:

Enhance and expand services for vulnerable children in high-need areas across Montana.

## ELIGIBLE EXPANSION AREAS

**Providers can apply for up to  
2 out of these 3 areas:**

### Infant/Toddler Care (Ages 0-3)

**Funding:** \$8,000 - \$15,000

**Use:** Increase slots, purchase equipment, provide training

### Special Needs Services (Ages 0-8)

**Funding:** \$5,000 - \$10,000

**Use:** Enhance services, purchase supplies, develop programs

### Expanded Child Care Hours (Ages 0-8)

**Funding:** \$5,000 - \$10,000

**Use:** Expand hours, compensate staff, provide additional services



### Crisis Child Care Services (Ages 0-8)

**Funding:** \$40,000 - \$90,000

**Use:** Develop/expand crisis care, training, mentorship, mental health consultation



## Grant Requirements

### Application Process:

- Submit application, implementation plan, and budget
- Participate in data sharing and reporting

### Child Crisis Care Applicants Must Also:

- Develop a sustainability plan
- Receive monthly mentoring and technical assistance
- Complete trauma-based and cultural awareness training
- Participate in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

## Key Dates

### Grant Period:

2/1/25 - 12/30/25

### Application Deadline:

1/24/25

## Why Apply?

- Address child care gaps in your community
- Receive funding to enhance your services
- Support the families and children in your area



## How to Apply:

Scan the QR code or click to visit our website to get started.