

2010 RFA & ITP Questions and Answers

Question: Please confirm - can we use this Family Strengthening application to continue with our Family Connections program as we currently have it, or do we need to revise the program? "Please indicate is this is a new program or an enhancement of an existing program."

Answer: Organizations applying for funding under the Family Strengthening RFA may request continuation of a currently funded program with changes based on the F5FC Commission Strategic Plan refinement. Please review the list of program components under the applicable strategy to ensure your application meets the Commission's current requirements. The new programs mentioned in the RFA refers to programs designed to address new target audiences identified by the Commission- families living in toxic stress and/or military families.

Question: Would it be advantageous for School Readiness Programs attend the "Notice to intent to partner" "Early Care and Education Quality Improvement" (Feb. 2) or the "Assessment & Early Intervention Support" (Feb. 4) meetings?

Answer: First 5 Fresno County welcomes everyone to the Intent to Partner (ITP) meetings and the Request for Application (RFA) informational meetings. While these meetings will be interesting, the only required participants are those who anticipate submitting requests for funding through an RFA or ITP.

Question: The 5 developmental domains under Indicators on p6 of the ECE RFA document....is that referring to these 5:
Physical, Emotional, Social, Mental and Moral?

Answer: The 5 developmental domains are the ones listed in the Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Communication, Gross motor, Fine motor, Problem-solving, Personal-social. Development can be divided many different ways. Since we use the ASQ and the ASQ-SE as our "universal" screening tools in Fresno County, the ASQ developmental domains have become our common language. Let us always remember that human beings grow up as whole people and none of us are neatly divided into different parts, the concept of developmental domains is only a way of helping us think about, and talk about child development.

Question: Are applicants for the RFA required to attend the ITP meetings?

Answer: No, agencies need only attend the meetings related to the funding mechanism they plan to participate in. The RFA informational meetings are separate from the Intent to Partner meetings.