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Even Start Unique Assurances FY 2010

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Summary: In addition to the assurances on the bottom of the Sections page of the CCIP Competitive Funding Application, the following are specific requirements of the Even Start Family Literacy Grant.

Programmatic Assurances

1. Eligible participants shall be a parent, guardian or person in *loco parentis* who is eligible for Adult Basic and Literacy Education Program under authority of The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act or, if under 18, attends high school or has access to high school, and his/her child or children are from birth through age 7 [with special exceptions as outlined in Section 1236(b) (3)].
2. The program will operate on a year-around basis.
3. Services will be provided to children in at least a three-year age range.
4. For individuals participating in Even Start who are limited English proficient or persons with disabilities, there will be maximum coordination between services provided by this program and other services provided to address limited English proficiency or disability.
5. Any early-childhood program affiliated with the Even Start program shall be licensed as required by state law.
6. Personnel paid, in whole or in part, with federal Even Start funds will meet the qualifications specified in the Even Start statute [P.L. 106-554 Sec. 1235(5)].

Fiscal Assurances

7. The use of Even Start funds will not result in a decrease in the use (for educationally deprived families residing in the project area) of state or local funds which, in absence of funds under Title I Part B of the Act, would be made available for the education of such families, and that such families will not otherwise be penalized in the application of state and local funds because of the use of funds under Title I Part B of the Act.
8. All reasonable effort will be made by both the fiscal agent and co-applicant to continue funding of a comprehensive family literacy program once federal Even Start funding is ceased.
9. The applicant shall make funds available to guarantee email and internet access.
10. The applicant shall make funds available to ensure attendance of appropriate staff at state family literacy conferences, state Even Start meetings and at least one national conference related to family literacy per year.