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Even Start Competitive Grant Application

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Summary: Provides a brief overview of the Even Start Competitive Grant
Description:

Even Start is a comprehensive family literacy program designed to break the cycle of poverty and low literacy skills by improving the educational opportunities of low-income families with young children. This program integrates the four components of early childhood education, adult basic and literacy education, parent education and parent-child together time into a unified whole to:

- Help parents become full partners in their children's education;
- Help children reach their full potential as learners; and
- Provide literacy training to parents.

Eligible participants in an Even Start program are parents and their children, ages birth through seven. Parents must be eligible for participation in the federal and state Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program under the Workforce Investment Act Title II or within compulsory school age attendance age, as long as an Local Education Agency (LEA) provides (or ensures the availability of) the basic education component.

See-
http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEPrimary.aspx?page=2&TopicRelationID=468

Requirements:

Total federal funding for Ohio Even Start is approximately $2.3 million for 2009-2010. Eligible applicants for Even Start funding are an LEA and a public agency other than an LEA, an institution of higher learning, a public or private nonprofit organization other than an LEA or a nonprofit community-based organization other than an LEA.

Funding occurs through a four-year cycle. Funding not designated for programs within a four-year cycle is awarded annually on a competitive basis through the Department's Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Planning (CCIP) electronic system. Applications become available through the CCIP during the first business day of February each year.

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