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Rural Child Care Innovation Program Timeline

Round 1 – FY23

The Rural Child Care Innovation Program (RCCIP) is a facilitated community engagement process designed to develop right-sized solutions to address the challenges of early care and education in the communities selected to participate. Over a two-year period, selected communities will partner with First Children's Finance to increase the supply of high-quality affordable child care in their local community.

Historically all RCCIP activities have been held in-person. With the pandemic we have developed systems to adapt the RCCIP process so it can be done in-person, virtually or a combination of both. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by the core team lead and First Children's Finance staff depending upon regulations and the current situation with the pandemic. We will do our best to hold the core team orientation retreat, child care provider appreciation event, town hall, and implementation planning retreat in person. Some of the other meetings may be held virtually as needed.

	April 2022 – June 2022	Timing	Details
Application Phase	Application Opens	April 4, 2022	Send the application, post on website
	Webinar	April 14, 2022 1:30-2:00 pm	Learn about RCCIP, expectations, and ask questions
	Application Deadline	May 13, 2022	Due by 5:00PM
	Follow up questions for applicants	Week of May 23, 2022	FCF will connect by phone or email
	Final Awards made	June 10, 2022	FCF will notify via email



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	June 2022–Nov 2022	Timing	Details
Planning Phase	Core Team Lead Orientation	June 23, 2022, 1:30–2:00 pm	Webinar with Core team leaders to set expectations
	Core Team Orientation Retreat	July 2022	Face-to-face meeting (6 hours) to discuss RCCIP details and expectations or two virtual meetings (3 hours each)
	Core Team Planning Meeting (2hrs)	July/August 2022 (2 weeks after orientation)	Face-to-face or virtual meeting to map out community engagement activities and fully develop the timeline
	Data Gathering & Community Engagement Activities	August 2022	Core Team engages community in gathering data and makes community aware of their work
	Ongoing Core Team Check-ins	August–October 2022	Virtual monthly Core Team meetings
	Child Care Appreciation Event	September 2022	Face-to-face dinner or virtual event is organized to recognize and appreciate providers in the community
	Synthesize Data	September 2022	FCF synthesizes data into useful info for town hall meeting
	Planning Meeting for Town Hall (1hr)	September/October 2022	Virtual Core Team planning for the town hall meeting
	Child Care Provider Recruitment	On-going	Recruit providers to participate business trainings, business leadership cohorts, and one-on-one consultation conducted by FCF
	Town Hall Event	October/Nov 2022	Face-to-face or virtual community wide event to identify and develop projects



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	Nov 2022 – June 2024	Timing	Details
Implementation Phase	Organization of Town Hall ideas	Nov 2022	FCF staff organizes Town Hall ideas into a workable format
	Implementation Planning Retreat (4hrs)	December 2022	Face-to-face or virtual meeting to prioritize goals; develop SMART goals and map out implementation activities, Plan for the Community Launch
	SMART Goal Finalization	January 2023	One or two virtual meetings to finalize goals, action steps, and identify local project leaders
	Core Team Lead meeting	January 2023	Webinar with core team leads from this year's RCCIP communities to network and share town hall outcomes
	Community Solution Action Plan (CSAP) Development	January/Feb 2023	FCF creates report detailing community data, types of solutions, and community identified projects
	Planning mtg for Community Launch and Action Step updates	February 2023	Face-to-face or virtual meeting to share the CSAP, plan the community launch of the CSAP, and share action step updates
	Community Launch of CSAP	March/April 2023	Press release and community activities to share the CSAP
	Regular Core Team Meetings	May 2022 – May 2023	Updates from project teams to the core team; frequency determined by core team; facilitated by Core team lead
	Quarterly updates	May 2023 – May 2024	Core team lead provides written quarterly updates to FCF



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Implementation Phase (cont.)	Regular Project Team Meetings	May 2023 – May 2024	Project teams meet to Implement community solutions; facilitated by project team lead
	Technical Assistance & Support	May 2023 – May 2024	FCF provides Technical Assistance when needed
	Final Report	June 2024	Core team leader submits final written report to FCF
	Celebration	June 2024	Core team celebrates its success

	Yearly	Timing	Details
Ongoing Support	Core Team Lunch and Learn	July	Virtual opportunities for current or past RCCIP communities to update on projects and questions

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