

Request for Proposals



Ensuring Children's Readiness for School

United Way of Central Massachusetts is issuing a request for proposals in the community impact focus area of **Ensuring Children's Readiness for School**. Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, which meet the criteria outlined in the application materials are invited to apply for program funding.

United Way has identified three funding strategies that programs may qualify for available funding:

Providing Safe and Affordable High Quality Early Education and Care

- Programs that focus on and promote the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development of children ages 0-6.

Parenting Skills and Support

- Programs that address parent education, build parent involvement; and attempt to connect parents to early education and care classrooms.

Early Education and Care Support

- Program(s) that offer innovative and/or effective programming to support and enhance children's development across the spectrum of early education and care programs.



All interested non-profits are asked to attend a:

Pre-Proposal Conference

October 14, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Worcester Public Library
Saxe Room, 3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA

Please register for this conference by contacting James Pepin at 508.757.5631 ext. 259 or email at jpepin@unitedwaycm.org.

For technical assistance at any time during the application process, please email questions to Marianna Islam at mislam@unitedwaycm.org or call 508.757.5631 ext 232



Application materials including general information and funding guidance is available online at

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