

Sponsor/Title: Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) - Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Scaling Effective Early Childhood Systems Development (ECCS SEED)

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361001>

Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-26-057

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-06-19 at 1:00 pm

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-07-10

Purpose: The Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Scaling Effective Early Childhood Systems Development (ECCS SEED) Initiative will improve access to quality care for prenatal-to-age-5 (P-5) families. It will promote healthy child development and family well-being by identifying family needs early – like mental health support, parenting education, food or housing assistance – and connecting both children and caregivers to high-quality services. These services are critical because children's early years shape their health for life.

Effective systems of care for P-5 families:

- Boost families' strengths through parenting education that help build positive, nurturing relationships between parents and their children.
- Improve efficiencies in health systems by detecting and addressing developmental concerns among young children through timely screening and referrals to early intervention.
- Address the root causes of chronic disease early in life by reducing stressors and connecting families to services, such as mental health care, nutrition assistance, and stable housing.
- Support flourishing among young children by promoting preventive care and healthy child development, and track progress on child health outcomes.

Program Goals: ECCS SEED will support a comprehensive standard of care for all P-5 families that builds family strengths, provides preventive care and education, conducts whole family (caregiver and child) screenings, connects P-5 families to services, and ensures families can access intensive interventions when needed. Through this work, ECCS SEED is designed to achieve measurable improvements in child flourishing.

The program goals are to:

- Increase access to coordinated, comprehensive care for P-5 children and families.
- Improve the quality of services to meet the health needs of both parents/caregivers and children during the P-5 period.

Program Objectives:

- Establish or expand centralized intake referral systems (CIRS), working toward statewide reach.
- Implement an evidence-based early childhood development model in pediatric or public health settings in your community of focus.
- Lead statewide coordination of P-5 early childhood systems.
- Secure long-term and sustainable funding to spread project activities statewide.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/fGqDbZdiVnnwjTQv6> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)

- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Merit Review as outlined on pages 42-44 in the NOFO.
 - Criterion 1: Need
 - Criterion 2: Response
 - Criterion 4: Impact

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.