

**Grant Title:** ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT APPROACHES TO PREVENT MALTREATMENT AND PROMOTE FAMILY STRENGTHS AND OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

**Funding Opportunity Number:** N/A

**Agency/Department:** The National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect. Sponsoring Organizations: Center for the Study of Social Policy, ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families, and the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds, in collaboration with the Children's Bureau, Administration of Children and Families.

**Area of Research:** Research and Demonstration Projects in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.

**Release and Expiration:** N/A

**Application Deadline:** A Letter of Interest must be submitted by November 9, 2009. Based on a review of the Letters of Interest, applicants may be invited to submit full proposals which will be due January 19, 2010.

**Amount:** Three to five grants with maximum funding per award: \$1,240,000 for a 40-month grant period (March 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013), assuming five grants awarded. A match of 10% of the total project budget is required.

**Length of Support:** 40-month grant period.

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible lead agencies: public/state and private institutions of higher education; collaborative multi-agency entities or partnerships with a lead agency that has 501(c) (3) IRS status and a child-focused or family-centered mission; cooperative multi-site agencies with a lead agency with 501(c) (3) IRS status serving communities that are over-represented in the child welfare system; educational, human service, non-profit organizations, or collaborative multi-agency entities/partnerships with a lead agency that has 501(c) (3) IRS status, serving African American children and families or serving Alaska Native and Native American children and families; tribal, Alaska Native, Native American agencies or organizations; Institutions, organizations, agencies providing services to substance exposed or HIV exposed infants and young children; Non-profit or for-profit educational, social, human service agencies and organizations; Agencies, departments, or offices of state governments that have established a focus on infants and young children; consortia including state or local government offices, agencies, or departments; public and/or private non-profit agencies, organizations, institutions; institutions of higher education; agencies providing services to high-risk populations or culturally diverse populations; local and community affiliates or chapters of state, regional or national organizations; states and territories.

**Summary:** The National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood (QIC-EC) is accepting Proposals for Research and Demonstration (R&D) projects. Interested parties are invited to submit proposals to implement and rigorously evaluate approaches to prevent child maltreatment and to promote family strengths and optimal development among infants and young children (birth-5) who are at high-risk for abuse, neglect, and abandonment, including those impacted by substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS, and for whom there is no substantiated Child Protective Services report. R&D projects must employ interventions with research designs that reflect criteria along the evidence-informed to evidence-based continuum. R&D projects may propose an evaluation research design that includes a randomized control group or a quasi-experimental design that includes the use of both quantitative and qualitative data, as well as treatment and comparison groups. R&D projects must demonstrate the integration of the target population's characteristics, culture, and values into the design and implementation of the interventions to help expand the knowledge base on the role of culture in preventing child maltreatment.

**Detail Information:** <http://www.qic-ec.org/>  
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