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TO: Preschool Parent

FROM: Preschool Enrichment Project

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4Rkids Early Childhood Iowa offers preschool scholarships to Adair, Dallas, Madison, and Warren County children whose families meet income guidelines. Our program is offered through funding provided by the State of Iowa. The purpose of this funding is to increase school readiness of our children by increasing access to quality preschool programs.

2022/2023 Preschool Tuition Assistance/Scholarship Guidelines

- Children must reside in the service area.
- Children must have turned three by September 15, 2022, to be eligible.
- 4-year-olds must enroll in at least ten hours of programming per week at a cooperating preschool which meets quality standards.
- Eligibility is based on family size and gross annual income. A sliding scale is used to determine the amount of the award. The maximum award, based on ten hours of programming, will not exceed 90% of the tuition or \$200 per month. The family is responsible for the difference in tuition and for any enrollment or late fees, or withdrawing without paying fees owed to the program. **Program reimbursement is for a half-day rate.**
- The award will remain in place until the end of the school year if the child's attendance is 90% or above. The preschool provider will notify you if your child falls below 90%. (On-going attendance problems may result in loss of the scholarship.)
 - Children eligible to enroll in a state and/or federally funded program (Head Start, Shared Visions) must participate in that program before being able to apply for this scholarship. Statewide Voluntary Preschool will be encouraged to be filled before providing preschool tuition assistance. ***If other assistance is available through a preschool, agency, or business, the lowest tuition rate will be utilized.***
 - If you are applying for more than one child in your family, a separate application must be submitted for each child.
 - If the child switches preschools, the funds will follow the child if the preschool meets the scholarship program guidelines.
 - Notify preschool enrichment project when there is a change in income, contact information.
 - Responsibility for registration fees, co-pays, and late fees.

Final decisions rest ultimately with the 4Rkids Early Childhood Iowa Board. Payments will be made directly to the preschool on behalf of the family. Funding is contingent upon state award and contract. **Applications will be processed after July 1, 2022, pending state funding and local contract award.** Families will be notified of the award at that time.

If you have questions concerning the 4Rkids Preschool Scholarship program, please contact:

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