

## Monica Perez

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questions and  
answers*

Good morning, Rex. See below. And just so you know, we will be starting the hiring process for the program manager and coordinator soon with the goal of having them both in place by July 1. Will be making a list of PEEP specific tasks to add to the general job descriptions. Data analysis and management will be very important for one of the positions as they will have to manage and report on data from all those IGAs. And starting to work on an initial web page about the program with the goal of funneling interested families to our Childcare Resource and Referral (CCR&R) organization whose job is already to help families find child care and funding for child care. They are funded by DES. We meet with CCR&R Monday to start coordinating that effort.

-Nicole

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early childhood*

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Nicole-

Good morning. After reviewing Chuck's very informative and detailed memorandum, I had some questions to pose to both of you:

1. After we get the list of providers on Attachment One who are going to receive scholarships, will there be outreach to providers who have not yet expressed interest in scholarships to see if they could be incorporated into the program?

We don't have an easy way to add providers that are not already in FTF Quality First program. There are only about 10 Nationally Accredited providers that are not in Quality First, and therefore will not be offered scholarships. We think those are the only high quality providers that will be left out of Year 1. UW will be working to get them into the QF system. That said, the web page we are working on will likely have 2 main target audiences, families and providers, with a way for providers that are not included to contact us so we can learn more about how to work with each other in the future years.

2. The difference in reimbursement rates for FTF providers based on their star ratings looks like a financial incentive for a center to work to attain a higher rating. What other inducements or supports will be provided by FTF and/or United Way to encourage higher ratings?

FTF has system of coaching and rewards/incentives like professional development, funding for materials, etc that they use to move child care providers up the quality ladder. UW will be supplementing that – more details to come as they figure that out.

3. Some of the meetings listed on Attachment Three are of interest to me. If there is ever a possibility of being included in local group meetings where ECE is being discussed, please let me and Kim know about those

options. Got it – will do. Not used to having Board members so actively involved at the program level, so just takes some adjustment on my part.

4. I will always have interest in hearing about all our outreach efforts and the work to grow capacity, so please keep me informed about those. That request would include updates on the language of the RFP for the administrator who will take on leadership of the program after Year One. Yes. Have not even started to think about RFP but envision you and other interested board offices providing input to that process.

5. What will we be doing to check in regularly with all the local school districts to inquire about their ability to expand their ECE options?

That will be part of the quarterly coordination meetings the County will be having with the school districts. UW will also be contacting them independently to see if the schools need additional assistance, funding, classroom startup materials, etc to be ready to add more classes the following year.

Thanks!  
Rex

Sent from my iPhone