

**For Providers by Providers Louisiana:  
Abstract, Apprenticeship Building America, April 2024**

<b>Lead Applicant / Organization Name:</b> For Providers by Providers Louisiana	
<b>Lead applicant entity type:</b> Nonprofit with 501c3 IRS Status	
<b>Lead Applicant City and State:</b> New Orleans, Louisiana	
<b>Select Grant Category:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring Equitable Apprenticeship Pathways and Partnerships Through Pre-Apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment: up to \$4 million <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creation of Education System-aligned Pre-apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship Programs: up to \$4 million <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Apprenticeship Hubs up to Registered Apprenticeship Hubs: up to \$6 million for projects with a local/regional or statewide geographic scope; and up to \$8 million for projects with a national geographic scope.	
<b>Project Title:</b> Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship	
<b>Funding Amount Requested:</b> \$3.9 million over 48 months	
<b>Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project:</b> State of Louisiana	
<b>Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant:</b> 280	
<b>Population(s) to be served:</b> Underrepresented populations in underserved, low-to-moderate-income communities in Louisiana including high school students, recent graduates, parents, incumbent early learning center-based workers, and unemployed and underemployed individuals.	
<b>Required Partners: (Organization name and entity type)</b>	
<b>Name</b> Wilcox Academy of Early Learning	<b>Type of Organization</b> Employer Partner
<b>Name</b> Kids of Excellence	<b>Type of Organization</b> Employer Partner
<b>Name</b> Elite Teachers Institute	<b>Type of Organization</b> Education Provider
<b>Name</b> Louisiana Board of Regents	<b>Type of Organization</b> RAP Sponsor

<b>Name</b> For Providers by Providers Louisiana	<b>Type of Organization</b> Industry/Trade Association
<b>Name</b> Louisiana Workforce Commission	<b>Type of Organization</b> State Apprenticeship Agency
<b>Project Purpose:</b> The Louisiana Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship program will establish and grow Louisiana's first Early Care and Education Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), which is designed to remove financial and situational barriers for underrepresented populations and increase access to a thriving career in early childhood education by providing program participants with coordinated high-quality training, coaching, scholarships, and work experiences in partnership with high-quality early learning programs across Louisiana.	
<b>Subrecipient Activities:</b> CDA Training and Coursework Completion, Paid On-The-Job Training, First Aid and CPR Certification	
<b>List of Credentials(s) to be awarded:</b> Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential	
<b>SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:</b> The Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship Program will consist of the following activities during this grant's 48-month period of performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning and development of an early childhood education RAP</li> <li>● Cultivate and grow local and regional partnerships to include workforce intermediaries that commit to expanding early childhood educator RAPs for youth and adult learners</li> <li>● Create and expand supportive services for registered apprentices to reduce barriers to participation and successful completion</li> <li>● Provide incentive funding to support RAP partner employers</li> </ul>	
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