

To: Indiana Charter School Stakeholders

From: Nathan Williamson, Director of Title Grants and Support

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Subject: CSP Quality Counts Funding and Preschool Expansion

The IDOE charter school program team and the IDOE legal team determined that preschool costs may be allowable for Quality Counts grant recipients. Cohort one through cohort five may include associated preschool expenses in their grant budgets so long as the preschool program does not charge tuition.

Quality Counts grant recipients need not, and should not, have preschool included in their charter agreement. Therefore, grantees may use Quality Counts funds to compensate an external partner to operate a preschool program with the grantee.

Quality Counts grant recipients must be able to demonstrate that the preschool and its staff are integrated into the charter school model and culture, through examples such as:

- Joint professional development
- Same school culture and expectations
- Similar program model
- Co-housed in the same building

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