Application Packet

(Must be submitted by an Idaho public library)

The Idaho Child Care Reads! Program (ICCR), sponsored by the Idaho Commission for Libraries' Read to Me program, helps public libraries enhance services for child care providers and early childhood educators, and the children and families that they work with. **Applications from public libraries interested in the program are accepted throughout the year and will be granted as funding allows.** The program has the following goals:

1) Children hear at least one story a day in child care/school and at least one at home.
2) Children have adequate access to developmentally-appropriate print materials in child care/classroom settings.
3) Child care providers/teachers are trained to promote early language and literacy.
4) Child care providers/teachers utilize their local library's in-house and outreach resources and programs.

Research shows that providing quality books, training, and library information to child care providers and early childhood teachers increases the frequency that children are read to and helps achieve the goals stated above. Evaluations from the ICCR program have been very positive. Child care providers and early childhood teachers have said they have learned new literacy techniques, are aware of why it is important to provide access to print materials, and plan to increase the amount of time they spend reading and interacting with the children in their care.

The Idaho Commission for Libraries partners with the IdahoSTARS (Idaho's State Training and Registry System) for child care providers to provide three IdahoSTARS credits at no cost to participants when an Approved Trainer facilitates the workshop. For more information about how to offer an ICCR workshop for IdahoSTARS credit go to http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/idaho-child-care-reads-program-requirements-and-resources.

Questions about this program can be directed to Staci Shaw at 334-2150 / 1-800-458-3271, staci.shaw@libraries.idaho.gov

The Idaho Child Care Reads! program is funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the Library Services and Technology Act.

Nuts and Bolts of the Program: (print for your records)

Materials: Read to Me will provide a Literacy Kit for each provider that completes the workshop (one kit per classroom). The Literacy Kits each include: 20 paperback books appropriate for children from birth to age six, a Read to Me book bag, a professional resource book, a set of letter magnets, and other early literacy materials as available. These kits are valued at $200 each and are designed to meet the objectives of the workshop and goals of the program.

Location: Library staff may host the workshop at the library or at an alternative location.

Facilitators: Libraries have two choices:
1) The workshop may be facilitated by a library staff member. Libraries that wish to offer the ICCR workshop for IdahoSTARS credit must work directly with ICfL/ Read to Me staff for training and certification status.*

2) Libraries can request an Approved Trainer from ICfL/ Read to Me. The trainer will be provided at no cost to the library. All Approved Trainers provided by ICfL/ Read to Me are authorized to offer the workshop for IdahoSTARS credit.

Timeframe: Librarians will be notified within 10 days of receiving the application. Literacy Kits will be shipped within four weeks of the workshop date.

Requirements: Librarians selected to participate are required to:

1) Host a three-hour **Idaho Child Care Reads! workshop**, or a series of training sessions that total at least three hours, aimed at child care providers/ early childhood teachers, and focus on the **Six Early Literacy Skills and utilizing library services**.
2) Follow guidelines for content and material in the **Idaho Child Care Reads! script**, located at http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/idaho-child-care-reads-program-requirements-and-resources.
3) Distribute and collect the **Idaho Child Care Reads! Workshop Evaluation** from each participant.
4) Distribute the **Literacy Kits** at the end of the training session to participants that have turned in a completed evaluation form. The kits can go to family or center-based child care providers as long as they serve at least three children other than their own. More than one child care provider per daycare/center can attend the training, but only one set of books can go to each classroom.
5) Complete and return to ICfL the **Idaho Child Care Reads! Summary Report** and any leftover Literacy Kits.
6) Libraries offering the ICCR Workshop for IdahoSTARS credit will need to complete additional requirements, listed at http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/idaho-child-care-reads-program-requirements-and-resources.

To apply: Public libraries may submit online application at
https://form.jotform.com/icfl/idaho-child-care-reads-application

Helpful Hints: See http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/idaho-child-care-reads-program-requirements-and-resources for suggestions about how to plan and promote a successful and well-attended ICCR workshop.

* There is no stipend to pay for librarians' training time or other workshop expenses; however, once a librarian has earned approval as a qualified trainer for ICCR she/he can contract with ICfL to facilitate workshops at other libraries.