


**Cabinet for Health and Family Services
 Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers
 Race to the Top bornlearning® Academy
 Request for Funding Application**

Section 1: Organizational Information

Date of Application:	April 21, 2014
Organization Information	
Center Name:	Team Up! Family Resource & Youth Services Center
Year Center Established:	25
School(s) Served:	Foster Heights, Cox's Creek Elementaries, Old Kentucky Home Middle School
Center Coordinator:	Lynne Potter
Coordinator Hire Date:	July 2009
School Principal(s):	Jeremy Hill
School District:	Nelson
FRYSC Region:	6
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Signatures: <i>Signatures indicate knowledge of application and willingness to adhere to the Implementation Standards. Only original signatures will be accepted.</i>	
FRYSC Coordinator	Lynne Potter 
School Principal(s)	Jeremy Hill 
District Superintendent	Anthony Orr 

Section 2: Evidence of Need and Readiness

1. Describe the need to improve children’s kindergarten readiness in your school’s population:

Foster Height's Brigrance screening data results from September 2013 show 39.2 students out of 60.8 do not have the skills necessary for kindergarten. The 2014 Early Childhood Profile release from the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce indicates through the Kindergarten screener process results show that county children scored 46.8% in the area of Cognitive/General Knowledge and a score of 55.5% in the area of social-emotional domains. This shows that we need to make improvements in those areas to bring the scores up closer to 100%.

2. Please list the following for your school:

Free Lunch Count:	349
Reduced Lunch Count:	63
Total School Population:	59%

3. Describe how poverty rates in your region have affected your students and their families. Visit <http://kcews.ky.gov/Reports/EarlyChildhoodProfile/EarlyChildhood2014.aspx> for supporting data by county.

According to a report released in December 2013 from the Nelson County Economic Development the University of Louisville conducted a study ranking Nelson County 86th out of 120 counties in the state for slowest payroll growth in the last five years and the unemployment rate for the county for December at 7.5%, two tenths higher than the same time in 2012. Kids Count 2013 reported that 16.9% of Nelson County children live in high poverty areas. Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce released information in their 2014 Early Childhood Profile that in Nelson County preschools there are 149 At-Risk 4 year olds at or below 150% of the federal poverty level.

4. Enter the current work plan, as written in your Continuation Program Plan, to address the FRYSC Families in Training component.

To increase the knowledge and awareness of early child development to new and expectant parents, and/or with children up to age 5 to a minimum of 5 parents, and to create a stronger home and school connection to foster the life long love of learning, as measured by center logs, sign in sheets, pre and post surveys.

5. List the names and titles of those who have agreed to be on your Implementation Team, their roles and their levels of responsibility. Please include brief letters of support from these stakeholders.

Head Start (recruitment of parents), Nelson County Early Learning Council (recruitment and in-kind donations), Principal (recruitment), kindergarten teachers (recruitment), Cafeteria staff, (catering family meals), school staff (monthly meeting childcare), PTO (recruitment, in kind donations).

6. How will parents be recruited to participate in the bornlearning® Academy, and what is the plan to maintain their engagement beyond the initial workshop series?

Home visits to pre-school age at Nelson County Early Learning Center and Head Start, Pre-school open house information, Info to church groups, hospital, pediatrician's office, speaking to civic groups, Community notes in the newspaper, TV and radio spots, fliers sent home with school age children to target siblings, surveys, are all ways to recruit parents and children. As far as maintaining engagement beyond the initial series, inviting parent graduates to be Academy Ambassadors to speak to the new groups, or help facilitate workshops, spreading the word to other parents and family members pre-natal to age 5.

7. If selected to implement a bornlearning® Academy, what barriers do you anticipate and how do you plan to overcome them?

As FRYSC Coordinator I facilitated the first year pilot program workshop series of the Born Learning Academy for Boston School in Nelson County, KY. I have had training as a Parents As Teacher's educator in 2003-2006 and had families enrolled in the program. I have an enthusiasm and passion for early childhood and was a Kindergarten assistant for 9 years as well as a Pre-school assistant before that for several years. I am sure Enrollment will be a barrier for the first few years until the information about the program is spread, and families graduating from the program spread the news. An additional barrier will be getting parents to come to each session. Family meals, drawings, door prizes, children's books, donations of family items from local businesses/incentives for parents will be ways to help motivate attendance. Foster Heights Elementary is the biggest elementary in the Nelson County School district with over 700 K-5 students. Next door to Foster Heights is a city owned building housing Head Start, Community Action, and Community Collaboration for Children. The Health department, Cooperative Extension Office, and Adult Learning Center are all around the corner. These are all partners to collaborate with for recruitment and services for families in the program. The location of the school is in the middle of the downtown area making it an easy and convenient location for people to have access to.

8. What are your plans for sustainability after Year 1, if selected to implement? While grantees will receive a stipend for participating, plans should be in place to develop further avenues of support once the stipend is exhausted.

I have been funded by United Way for the past 4 years and will ask in future United Way grants for money to be allocated to the Born Learning Academy. I also fundraise 2-3 times a year to keep money in a center donations account to use for additional programming and will continue to seek donations from local business and civic groups.

Foster Heights Elementary School

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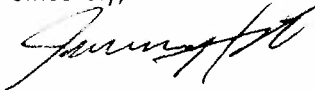
Dear Review Committee:

I am writing in support of Team Up! Family Resource & Youth Services Center in the submission of the grant for the Born Learning Academy to be held at Foster Heights Elementary School with Race to the Top funding.

At Foster Heights our staff strives to fulfill the mission and vision of providing a strong academic program within a positive learning environment in partnership with our families and community. We feel strongly about fostering the relationships between home and school and growing those relationships in early stages is the key to the success of incoming future students.

Our staff and I vow to support, encourage, and promote the Born Learning Academy within our school.

Sincerely,



Jeremy Hill

Foster Height's School Principal

May 1, 2014

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the grant the Team Up! Family Resource & Youth Services Center is submitting for the Born Learning Academy.

I am one of (5) Kindergarten teachers at Foster Height's Elementary. I have taught kindergarten for 11 years now, and have witnessed children coming into my class that have not known how to hold a pencil or recognize a letter of the alphabet. Those students have struggled to keep up with others that are more prepared for kindergarten, and whose parents have worked with them on skills necessary for starting their new journey of attending school for the next 13 + years.

The home and school connection is very vital to the success of our students. I believe that the Born Learning Academy will make a difference for families enrolled in the program. It will give parents who may have not experienced a good connection with their own school years a chance to be in the school building and interact with teachers and school staff to help foster a positive relationship with the school.

I am very excited at the prospect of our school having the opportunity to start a Born Learning Academy and speak for the other kindergarten teachers in stating that we support this early childhood learning program that will provide ways to give children a good foundation for school success.

Sincerely,

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Toni Ice

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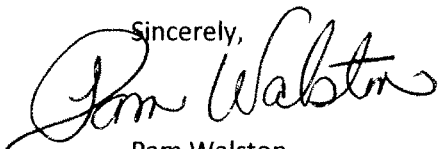
Dear Review Committee:

I am writing in support of the Born Learning Academy grant that Team Up! FRYSC is submitting for Race to the Top grant funds.

When asked if our cafeteria would participate in making the meals on a monthly basis for families enrolled in the Academy, we were honored to be a part of such a worthwhile and exciting program for parents and future Foster Height's students.

Our cafeteria staff takes pride in serving delicious and nutritious food to our school students and staff members and we pledge our support to the Born Learning Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Walston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Walston

Foster Height's Cafeteria Manager



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To the reviewer:

This letter is written on behalf of the Nelson County Community Early Childhood Council for the Team Up! Family Resource Center's application for a bornlearning Academy. The council believes that it is never too early to prepare children for success in school and has been a part of the community's efforts to do so for 13 years. The council is funded by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood with direct links to preschools, early care centers, and Head Start.

The council would like to lend its support in helping to recruit families, to promote school readiness initiatives in the community, encourage collaboration among partners, and provide in-kind services where needed.

The Director of the resource center serves on the council's K 101 readiness committee and has worked closely to provide support for families with children 0-5. That partnership will continue and be strengthened by the addition of the bornlearning Academy.

We are pleased to be a part of this exciting addition to the comprehensive commitment to school readiness for our children.

Sincerely,

Bonnie P. Cecil

Bonnie Cecil, Project Manager

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