

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT SOUTH CENTRAL HEAD START

This Agreement is made and entered into this 1st day of August 2025 by and between **Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Inc.** (hereinafter “CAC”), 710 West High Street, P. O. Box 11610, Lexington, KY 40576, and, **Garrard County Board of Education**, 322 W Maple Ave, Lancaster, KY 40444, (hereinafter “Provider”).

Whereas, CAC is a grantee under the Head Start Program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, and is an authorized Early Head Start Program administrator,

Whereas, Provider is a public school in good standing with the Kentucky Department of Education,

Whereas, The Board of Education is a body politic and corporate and will not be taking specific action for services under the agreement. Therefore, unless herein differently specified, the Superintendent or Director of Special Education and Preschool/504 Coordinator shall constitute the “Provider” under this agreement, as that term appears throughout this agreement,

Whereas, CAC and Provider desire to collaborate so as to render Head Start quality early childhood development programming to Provider’s clients, now,

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

Section I. TERM RENEWAL AND TERMINATION:

- 1) This Agreement shall be in effect beginning the 1st day of August 2025 through and including the 31st day of July 2026 (“Term”), with Provider providing Head Start Program Initiatives beginning the 13th day of August 2025 through and including the 21st day of May 2026 (“Program Year”), unless terminated earlier as provided in this Agreement. During the term of this agreement, Provider shall provide to enrolled Head Start Children no less than 128 days annually with a minimum of 8.0 hours of per day for four (4) days a week of Head Start Program Initiatives. Designated Head Start hours shall be 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 2) CAC and Provider will collaborate throughout the Program Year in order to ensure that the Head Start Program and Provider are in compliance with Community Action Council Child Development Procedures.
- 3) This Agreement will not automatically renew. CAC, at its election, may renew this Agreement by giving Provider written notice of its intention to renew for an additional one-year term. CAC shall provide notice of its intent to renew within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the Program Year, and pursuant to the notice provisions of this Agreement. Provider may elect to avoid renewal by providing CAC notice of intent not to renew 45 days prior to the expiration of the Program Year, and pursuant to the notice provisions of this Agreement.
- 4) CAC may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving thirty (30) days’ written notice pursuant to the notice provisions of this Agreement. Provider may terminate this Agreement without cause pursuant to the notice provisions of this Agreement; provided however, that Provider continues to provide Head Start Initiatives for the remainder of the Program year.
- 5) Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause arising from a material breach of this Agreement. CAC may terminate this Agreement in the event that the Provider, or any of its principals, engages in conduct that is in violation of any law, regulation, ordinance or CAC policy; engages in conduct that is contrary to the mission and core values of CAC; and/or violates CAC’s Child Development Procedures. Termination for cause shall be effective immediately upon receipt of written notice given pursuant to the notice provisions of this Agreement. The parties agree that implementation of the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures is material to this Agreement, as well as compliance with applicable laws, regulations, ordinances, and policies set forth by CAC, including any confidentiality and information security policies.

Section II. PROVIDER’S OBLIGATIONS:

- 1) Provider shall offer comprehensive full-day, part-year early childhood development programming, as defined Section 1.1, for a maximum of **30 Head Start** children whose families are determined by CAC to meet financial eligibility requirements and are enrolled in the Head Start Program by CAC; comprehensive programming includes early childhood education, health and

wellness, behavioral health, social care, and parent involvement. Provider is responsible for accommodating all Head Start enrolled children.

- 2) Provider shall provide high-quality child-development programming in **2 full-day** classrooms that have been approved by CAC for children enrolled in the Head Start Program. Any change in classroom space must be approved in writing by CAC prior to implementation.
- 3) Provider shall provide **2** classrooms at the Garrard Educational Complex (GEC) for Early Head Start programming. Provider will allow CAC to make necessary changes to classrooms to meet state licensing requirements, ALL STARS requirements, as well as Head Start Program Performance Standards. Provider will provide office space at GEC for **3** CAC staff to support Garrard County EHS and HS operations.
- 4) Provider shall offer the same comprehensive early childhood development programming for all other pre-school children in attendance at Provider's facility, including those children who are not enrolled in the Head Start Program. Provider acknowledges that monetary payments from CAC will be based on the number of children whose families are eligible to participate in Head Start and are enrolled in the Head Start Program, and that Provider must obtain and allocate other financial resources to meet the cost of providing comprehensive programming as set forth in the Agreement to children whose families are not eligible to participate in Head Start and/or are not enrolled in the Head Start Program.
- 5) Provider acknowledges that funding provided pursuant to this Agreement is provided to enhance the quality of Provider's early childhood development programming and is not provided to enable Provider to divert its funds for other purposes. Provider agrees that funding levels for its early childhood development programming shall not be diminished, and that funding shall not be diverted for profit.
- 6) Provider agrees to make and procure acceptable and allocable non-federal contributions to the Head Start Program having a monetary value not less than twenty-five percent of the amount paid by CAC pursuant to this Agreement. Documentation evidencing the non-federal contribution shall be submitted to CAC monthly with the invoice for payment pursuant to this agreement. This documentation shall include the cover sheet and all other required documentation as specified in the Partner Training Materials provided to Provider by CAC. CAC will not process invoices for payments to providers without proper non-federal documentation. CAC will monitor to determine compliance with non-federal cost principles and ensure that the contribution is allowable, allocable, and reasonable. In the event of a dispute, CAC will make the final determination as to what is an allowable, allocable, and reasonable contribution.
- 7) Non-federal resources consist of "cash match" and "in-kind match." "Cash match" does not include funds received directly or indirectly from United States government sources; "cash match" does include the following, so long as it is not funded using federal funds: salary of staff, fringe benefits provided to those staff, staff travel to Head Start conferences and trainings, equipment, supplies, food provided, assistance such as health, dental, or behavioral health provided by outside contractors, trainers or other consultants providing assistance and education, space (value per square foot) and utilities provided, and cleaning. "In-kind match" includes the fair market value of donated supplies, products and offerings, including volunteers in the classroom or on activities such as field trips and products and offerings for which you pay less than fair market value (*i.e.*, if a health provider provides care at a discount rate, the difference between the amount charged and the customary rate is an "in-kind match"). "Cash match" and "in-kind match" funds shall be documented by Provider to show that no part of the funding was derived from or tied to federal funds.
- 8) Provider shall comply with the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures. Provider also agrees to maintain its accreditation and provide documentation of current accreditation status to CAC within thirty (30) days of the execution of this agreement. If Provider currently has no accreditation, it agrees to work towards obtaining an accreditation demonstrating excellence in the field of Child Development or Early Childhood Education.
- 9) The Provider shall provide food to **all** children, which includes meals and snacks that provide at least 1/3 of each child's daily nutritional requirements. This food assistance shall conform to Community Action Council Child Development Procedures and USDA National School Lunch Program requirements. Provider shall provide to CAC verification of its certificate of participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program or National School Lunch Program. Provider shall not require parents to provide any food items, including formula, during Head Start-designated hours of operation. Provider shall also provide meals to teachers working with Head Start enrolled children when meals are offered to said children to support family style dining.

- 10) Provider shall not require parents to provide diapers or wipes for Head Start enrolled children for use during designated Head Start hours.
- 11) Provider shall designate a contact person who shall be responsible for all communications and follow-up required by and/or resulting from the implementation of this Agreement. Provider shall provide to CAC the written contact information for this person within ten (10) days of the date of execution of this agreement.
- 12) Provider will collaborate with CAC on jointly developed procedures for the transition from pre-school to kindergarten. The procedures will include timelines related to transition, administration, staff development and involvement, family involvement, and child preparation.
- 13) Provider will provide educationally relevant occupational, physical and speech therapies that may be required by each child's Individual Education Plan. Based on outcomes and screenings, Provider will provide developmental and psycho-educational evaluations as needed. The Behavioral Health Manager and Specialist for CAC will monitor children who are provided therapy or evaluations in order to ensure that Provider is implementing each child's Individual Family Plan goals and objectives.
- 14) Provider shall share diagnostic and assessment information with CAC for children assisted for the Pathway Specialist enter this information into CAC's ChildPlus system, ensuring that all access to this information is secured by generally accepted security measures, including password protection or key and lock. Provider shall conform to the confidentiality provisions as described in Section V (6) of this agreement, and shall be responsible for any costs and mitigation measures related to a data breach of this information by Provider or its employees.
- 15) Provider agrees to collaborate with CAC to ensure that all staff serving Head Start Program eligible children are compliant with required certifications, trainings, updates, and ongoing professional development, as identified in this Agreement. CAC reserves the right to update these requirements.
- 16) Provider agrees to keep and maintain adequate, legible, genuine, current and complete records of assistance provided under the terms of this Agreement, to make available all such records to CAC or its designated representatives, who will then scan and enter pertinent information into the ChildPlus System. The required records shall include, but are not limited to, the following categories and/or documents:
 - a) Enrollment records that include verification of family income and any other verification required for determining eligibility for Head Start funding. Such verification must meet criteria established by the Administration for Children and Families;
 - b) In collaboration with the parents and as quickly as possible, but no later than 90 calendar days, ensure enrolled children have continuous accessible health care, dental exams and physical exams;
 - c) Ensure children receive necessary dental follow-up and treatment;
 - d) Ensure that all required medical consent forms are accurately completed and filled out upon the child's enrollment;
 - e) Attendance records showing the dates each child attended Provider's facility;
 - f) Provider agrees to enter attendance daily into ChildPlus System;
 - g) Separate financial records tracking receipt and expenditure of funds provided by CAC;
 - h) When, in the absence of a CAC representative, Provider staff observes a reportable outcome or indicator in child and family goals, Provider is responsible for reporting outcomes and indicators in child and family goals into ChildPlus System, Teaching Strategies.com and any appropriate anecdotal reports;
 - i) Supporting documentation evidencing that at least 25 percent of Provider's funds are derived from non-federal resources and that said documentation will be made available for on-site inspection by CAC's auditors.
 - j) Proof of certification of USDA National School Lunch Program participations;
 - k) Proof of quality rating with ALL STARS and reports of all monitoring events conducted (KDE Preschool Monitoring, etc.);
 - l) Documentation providing proof of reimbursement and monitoring results from USDA National School Lunch Program;
 - m) Proof of developmental and behavioral health screenings;
 - n) Proof of ongoing assessments of enrolled Head Start Program children;

o) Proof of individualized curricula.

- 17) Provider shall contact families to ensure children are safe when they do not arrive at school. If a child is unexpectedly absent and a parent has not contacted the program within one hour of program start time, Provider must attempt to contact the parent to ensure the child's well-being. This can be completed by utilizing the ChildPlus alert system.
- 18) Provider shall conduct developmental, behavioral, and emotional skills screenings of each child enrolled in the Head Start Program within 45 days of the child's entry into the Head Start Program. Said screenings shall conform to the requirements of the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures.
- 19) Provider shall conduct a minimum of three (3) assessments per year of each child's development throughout the child's enrollment in the Head Start Program, as required by Community Action Council Child Development Procedures or as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
- 20) Provider shall ensure that all curricula is individualized to the developmental needs of each enrolled child, as required by Community Action Council Child Development Procedures.
- 21) Provider shall allow professionals to conduct general classroom observations on each classroom one time per year, or more if needed based upon the professional's recommendation.
- 22) Provider shall work closely with CAC in order to schedule medical providers at Provider's location (where applicable) for the Head Start enrolled children; and Provider further agrees that there will be no changes to the schedule unless inclement weather occurs or changes are needed by the medical provider.
- 23) Provider shall allow CAC to conduct the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) 3rd Edition and the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) on each Head Start classroom according to the timeline set forth by CAC. Using the following CLASS domain scores as a minimum threshold, Emotional Support: 6.0, Classroom Organization 6.0, and Instructional Support: 3.0, Provider shall ensure that all of the Head Start Program classrooms will annually increase their CLASS scores by .10 in each domain. CLASS observations will be formally completed two times per year to monitor the incremental rate of growth of CLASS scores for all of the Head Start Program classrooms. Provider shall allow CAC to train its teachers to implement, and its teachers shall implement the requirements of the CLASS observation instrument.
- 24) Provider shall allow CAC to train its teachers to implement, and its teachers shall implement, the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures and philosophy appropriate to the age of each child for whom Provider offers early childhood development programming. The Community Action Council Child Development Procedures may be augmented, but shall not be supplanted, with other developmentally appropriate curricula and materials.
- 25) Provider shall ensure that all Head Start classes are staffed by two paid teachers (1 paid Certified Lead Teacher and 1 paid Credentialed Instructional Assistant), and whenever possible, a volunteer. During Head Start-designated hours of operation, Provider shall ensure that two paid teachers are present in each Head Start classroom at all times. Provider shall ensure that Head Start classrooms have paid floating staff members to assist in classroom coverage.
- 26) Provider shall ensure that all teaching staff who work with Head Start children complete the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment and obtain their Inter-rater reliability certification from the Teaching Strategies GOLD website. Provider must keep on file documentation of each teacher's certification and submit to CAC copies of said documentation within 90 days of the date of execution of this Agreement.
- 27) Provider agrees to use and implement The Creative Curriculum for Preschool or a mutually agreed upon curriculum. Provider shall provide to CAC at the time of execution of this Agreement a statement identifying the curriculum that meets this criteria, and Provider shall give CAC written notice, at least thirty days in advance, of any material changes in the curriculum or program that will affect the quality, extent, timeliness, or frequency of early childhood development programming delivered under the terms of this Agreement. Provider agrees that no such changes shall be implemented without the prior written consent of CAC. CAC is not required to make payment for early childhood programming delivered unless CAC has given written approval of such changes. CAC will only financially support materials, training, and implementation of The Creative Curriculum for Preschool.

- 28) Provider may not use the Head Start logo in its literature, signage, advertisements, and websites. All public communications that refer to Head Start or Community Action Council must be approved by CAC. Upon the termination of this Agreement, Provider shall remove and discontinue use of the Head Start logo and any reference to an affiliation, past, present, or future, with Head Start.
- 29) Provider shall comply with all laws and regulations of the federal, state and local governments having general application to Provider's performance under this Agreement. In particular, Provider shall comply with:
- a) The provisions of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* (as amended) (42 USC §2000d) and the regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 CFR Part 80).
 - b) The provisions of federal *Executive Order No. 11246* of September 24, 1965, and as amended by *Executive Order 11375*, pertaining to Equal Employment Opportunity and the rules, regulations and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor pertaining to federal *Executive Order No. 11246*, including those at 41 CFR Chapter 60;
 - c) Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* (29 USC §794) relating to services to the handicapped and the regulations at 24 CFR Part 8;
 - d) The *Age Discrimination Act of 1975* (42 USC §6101-07) and regulations at 24 CFR Part 146;
 - e) Title IX of the *Educational Amendments Act of 1972*;
 - f) The *Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990*;
 - g) In accordance with the foregoing statutes, rules, regulations and order, and in accordance with CAC's non-discrimination policies, Provider agrees that it shall not discriminate either in the provision of services to clients or in employment practices on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap status, marital status, sexual orientation, or political affiliation;
 - h) The regulations implementing the *Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988* as set out in 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart F;
 - i) The *Pro-Children Act of 1994* requiring a smoke-free environment for children;
 - j) The *Head Start Program Performance Standards* (45 CFR 1304);
 - k) The Head Start Act as amended in December 2007;
 - l) KDE Preschool Regulations
 - m) The provisions of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) and the *Head Start Performance Standards* in serving children with disabilities and their families; and Provider shall fully financially support all therapeutic services through payments issued to the Provider by CAC.
 - n) The applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the *Clean Air Act* (42 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Any violations of this Act must be reported to the Office of Head Start and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

All citations to statutes, ordinances and regulations shall include any amendments made thereto subsequent to the execution of this Agreement. **Failure to comply with the foregoing laws, regulations, ordinances and policies will be considered cause for termination of this Agreement.**

- 30) Provider shall make its staff available at mutually agreed times to meet with CAC's staff to discuss each child's progress and the overall progress of the program. Provider shall make its staff available for training at mutually agreed times and places.
- 31) Provider shall make its staff available to participate in all reviews requested by CAC's funding sources. Provider understands and acknowledges that the Administration of Families and Children and the Office of Head Start requires all Head Start Programs to remain accessible for monitoring at any time, including but not limited to monitoring of classrooms, facilities, staff, and records, with little or no advance notice. As CAC is aware of said monitoring, it will provide notice to Provider, but Provider acknowledges that funding source monitoring may be unannounced.
- 32) Provider shall complete any and all forms required by CAC or as mutually agreed upon.
- 33) Provider shall identify all non-consumable equipment and supplies purchased with CAC funds or funds paid to Provider pursuant to this Agreement. Said equipment and supplies are and shall remain the property of CAC or its funding source, and said equipment and supplies shall be returned in good condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, to CAC upon termination of this Agreement. In the case of equipment affixed to the realty, said equipment shall remain the property of CAC or its funding source unless and until the parties and the funding source agree to a sale of equipment to the Provider at a price to be determined. If Provider terminates this agreement, Provider will be responsible for the costs to remove and move playground equipment to a location determined by CAC. Provider shall create and maintain an

inventory of any non-consumable equipment and supplies purchased during the Term of this Agreement and shall provide said inventory to CAC within 30 days of the end of the program year. CAC reserves the right to inspect the inventory at any time during the Term of this Agreement upon reasonable notice to Provider.

- 34) Provider shall ensure the following standards of conduct: staff must never use corporal punishment, use isolation to discipline a child, bind or tie a child to restrict movement, tape a child's mouth, use or withhold food as punishment or reward, use toilet learning, training methods that punish, demean, or humiliate a child, use any form of emotional abuse, including public or private humiliation, rejecting, terrorizing, extended ignoring, or corrupting a child, physical abuse of a child, any form of verbal abuse including profane, sarcastic language, threats, or derogatory remarks about a child or a child's family, or use physical activity or outdoor time as a punishment or reward.
- 35) If abuse of any blended child is suspected, Provider shall report same in compliance with applicable state law. Provider shall notify CAC, in writing, of all actions taken by Provider or by others within Provider's knowledge. Within 30 days of the date of execution of this agreement, Provider shall sign a Code of Conduct outlining specific procedures and protocol Provider shall take in the event child abuse is suspected. Any violation of this Code of Conduct shall be considered a material breach of this agreement.
- 36) Provider agrees to obtain from each child's parent or guardian an authorization to release information to CAC's staff. Provider agrees to maintain confidentiality as mandated by federal, state or local statutes, and CAC's confidentiality policies (*see* Section V(6) below).
- 37) Provider shall obtain and maintain on file evidence of the following staff qualifications for each Head Start Program teacher: State and Federal Criminal Records Check including fingerprints, Child Abuse and Neglect Check, Sex Offender check, annual performance appraisals and professional development plans, confidentiality certification, CPR and First Aid certifications, Pedestrian Safety and Evacuation Drills, results of negative tuberculosis skin test, annual Child Abuse and Neglect training, 15 hours of annual professional development, physicals, and blood borne pathogens for each employee in accordance with the applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Provider shall ensure and maintain on file documentation that each lead teacher working with Head Start enrolled children has, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood or related field; each assistant teacher working with Head Start enrolled children has, at minimum, a Preschool Child Development Associate credential. Each staff working with Head Start enrolled children shall apply for a Preschool Child Development Associate credential within 60 days of the date of this Agreement and shall obtain said certification within 90 days of the date of the date of this Agreement, with the exception of those staff that have already obtained a Paraeducator Certificate or has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood. **Provider shall submit to CAC copies of these documents within 30 days of the date of execution of this Agreement. Provider shall also submit any updates to these documents, including any new certifications or renewals of certifications, to CAC within 30 days of any new certification, renewal, or update. Provider must notify CAC and receive prior approval before assigning a different teacher in a CAC approved classroom. All background clearances must be renewed every five years.**
- 38) Provider further agrees to execute and to comply with the terms and conditions of the *Certification Regarding Lobbying* attached to this Agreement.
- 39) Provider shall not promote or denigrate, or allow others to promote or denigrate, any religion as part of, or incident to, its early childhood development programming.
- 40) Provider agrees that at least one position that supervises teachers will become and remain CLASS observation reliable. This supervisor shall conduct at least monthly snapshot observations of each Provider classroom consisting of Head Start Program children and shall provide monthly improvement plans for Head Start Program staff members based upon those observations. This supervisor is responsible for monitoring classrooms to ensure that School Readiness Goals are being met as outlined in the School Readiness Plan provided by CAC.
- 41) **Transportation is not included as part of the contract. Provider shall not transport Head Start Children without prior written permission from CAC authorizing Provider to transport Head Start Children.** Should transportation be approved in the future, Provider must provide documentation to CAC of its compliance with the transportation requirements of Community Action Council Child Procedures, if applicable, including but not limited to, evidence of

its compliance with requirements of school buses or allowable alternate vehicles that are equipped for use of height and weight appropriate child restraint systems with a reverse beeper; implementation of procedures for a thorough safety inspection of each vehicle on at least an annual basis through an inspection program licensed or operated by the State; systematic preventative maintenance on vehicles and daily pre-trip inspection of the vehicles by the driver; proof of a valid Commercial Driver's License for vehicles in the same class as the vehicle the driver will be operating; proof that any physical, mental and other requirements established under applicable law or regulation are met; a driver's record check; a medical examination of drivers; driver and bus monitor training; trip routing; safety education; and compliance with any special requirements for children.

- 42) Provider agrees to encourage parent participation on CAC's Head Start Policy Council and attendance at monthly Parent Meetings by instructing class teachers to advertise Policy Council opportunities and Parent Meetings at all parent/teacher conferences and through other appropriate communications.
- 43) Provider agrees to allow CAC to access facilities to conduct its annual health and safety screening of the Head Start Program. Provider also agrees to conduct its own monthly health and safety screenings of the Head Start Program using the guidance of CAC. If any health and safety noncompliant findings arise during any of the screenings, or at any other time, Provider shall correct each noncompliant finding within 2 school days of the date and time the noncompliant finding was identified.
- 44) Provider agrees to participate in a minimum of three (3) CAC events per year, including but not limited to community events, family engagement events, or fundraising events, and Provider shall also encourage parents/guardians and families of Head Start and Early Head Start enrolled children to attend CAC events.
- 45) Provider agrees to quarterly partnership meetings with CAC at dates and times scheduled by CAC.
- 46) Provider agrees to designate workspace in Provider's facilities for use by CAC staff. This space shall be provided to CAC staff at no extra cost to CAC, and Provider shall ensure that CAC staff members have access to Provider's facilities.
- 47) Provider shall be responsible for the proper maintenance of all financial records for review by CAC. Records shall be maintained on financial software that is mutually agreed upon by Provider and CAC with assistance provided by CAC and a hard copy back up of expense documentation retained for a period of no less than five years. It is the Provider's responsibility to provide documentation demonstrating that there has been no supplanting of funds and that funds received through the Head Start program are utilized for the benefit of the children enrolled. Invoices will be paid only after the prior month's financial reporting has been received by CAC's Fiscal Department.

Acceptable expenditures for Head Start enrolled children, subject to approval by CAC, include but are not limited to: health and wellness screenings, improvement of staff qualifications, health and safety ongoing maintenance of the child's environment, hiring of additional qualified staff in order to meet CAC's ratio standards, increase of pay of staff commensurate with meeting additional expectations, outside training of staff, the purchase of new supplies to meet program objectives, assuming the cost of teacher and staff lunches to implement family style dining etc.

- 48) Provider shall be required to provide Non-Traditional Instruction ("NTI") and/or distance learning to each child enrolled in the Head Start program in the event that schools close. As part of the NTI and/or distance learning, Provider shall document all virtual learning activities, efforts or interactions with each child in ChildPlus. A failure to provide adequate NTI and/or distance learning and document the virtual learning activities shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and grounds for termination for cause.

Section III. CAC'S OBLIGATIONS:

- 1) CAC shall designate a representative to advise Provider and its staff as to the implementation, augmentation, and compliance with the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures and assessment of program performance.
- 2) CAC shall monitor and ensure that enrollment criteria and performance standards are met for eligible Head Start children in accordance with Head Start Program Performance Standards and Selection Criteria.

- 3) CAC shall normally give Provider written notice within thirty days of any changes to the CAC Early Childhood Curriculum and the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures. Should immediate changes be required by President Trump's Administration, Provider would have to comply even with a short turn-around time.
- 4) CAC shall assist Provider to meet Community Action Council Child Development Procedures by providing resources or directing Provider to such resources.
- 5) CAC will provide professional development for necessary training and updates according to the CAC Training and Technical Assistance Plan.
- 6) CAC shall assist Provider in meeting CAC financial reporting responsibilities by providing intelligible forms and assistance in defining and identifying non-federal resources. CAC and Provider shall agree upon financial software that will be implemented by Provider, and if possible, CAC shall provide training on that software.
- 7) CAC agrees to provide 5 Early Head Start teaching staff to provide high-quality early learning programming to 16 EHS children and their families. CAC also agrees to furnish the classrooms designated by the provider.
- 8) CAC agrees to provide 2 Head Start Pathway Specialists (1 for Head Start and 1 for Early Head Start) to keep and maintain adequate, legible, genuine, current and complete records of provided Head Start programming provided under the terms of this Agreement to make available all such records to CAC or its designated representatives, and to scan and enter pertinent information into the ChildPlus System. The required records shall include, but are not limited to, the following categories and/or documents:
 - a) Enrollment records that include verification of family income and any other verification required for determining eligibility for Head Start funding. Such verification must meet criteria established by the Administration for Children and Families;
 - b) In collaboration with the parents and as quickly as possible, but no later than 90 calendar days, ensure enrolled children have continuous accessible health care, dental exams and physical exams;
 - c) Ensure children receive necessary dental follow-up and treatment;
 - d) Ensure that all required medical consent forms are accurately completed and filled out upon the child's enrollment;
 - e) Attendance records showing the dates each child attended Provider's facility;
 - f) Enter attendance daily into ChildPlus System;
 - g) When, in the absence of a provider representative, CAC staff observes a reportable outcome or indicator in child and family goals, CAC is responsible for reporting outcomes and indicators in child and family goals into ChildPlus System, Teaching Strategies.com and any appropriate anecdotal reports;
 - h) Family staff must maintain classroom eligibility in order to provide classroom coverage (act as a substitute) if or when needed.
- 9) CAC shall pay to Provider the sum of **\$514.30** per month per child who is enrolled in the Head Start Program, as follows: **\$15,429.00** per month (**\$154,290.00 annually**) providing that enrollment of children is maintained at 100% of 30 and attendance is maintained at 85% of 30, upon receipt of proper financial, enrollment, and attendance documentation, no significant issue of on-site records and data reviews by CAC staff. Enrollment vacancies must be filled within thirty days. CAC retains the authority to adjust slot allocations as per the terms of the received grant agreement. Invoices will be paid only after CAC's Fiscal Department has received the prior month's financial reporting and documentation demonstrates that there has been no supplanting of funds and that funds received through the Head Start programs are utilized for the benefit of the children enrolled.

This cost per child is to cover the costs of providing comprehensive Head Start Program Initiatives to children and families enrolled in the Head Start Program, and includes, but not limited to: staff salaries, custodial, food, and classroom supplies.
- 10) Beginning at such time that Provider receives national or regional accreditation through a professional organization dedicated to Early Childhood Education excellence, CAC shall pay to Provider an additional sum not to exceed \$1,000 per year during the Term of this Agreement; said sum shall be prorated on a monthly basis upon receipt of documentation during contract year based upon accreditation or withdrawn during a contract year.
- 11) CAC agrees to reimburse Provider for all adult meals of teachers in Head Start classrooms at cost (Provider must participate

in Family Style Dining) and additional child snacks not to exceed \$5,000.00.

- 12) CAC agrees that state-funded pre-k children blended with Head Start children can participate in health and behavioral health screening events scheduled to maintain compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards at no cost to the district provided that the events occur in group settings or there are no additional costs..
- 13) CAC, at CAC's cost, shall reference Provider as a Head Start participant in CAC's literature, advertisements, reports and telephone listings.
- 14) CAC shall provide a Head Start School Readiness Coach to assist Provider in meeting and exceeding the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures.
- 15) CAC shall provide reimbursement of curriculum materials for use by the designated Head Start classrooms not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Section IV. INVOICING, PAYMENT & REPORTING:

1. Provider shall invoice and shall receive payment only for programming and clients authorized in writing by CAC pursuant to this Agreement.
2. Provider shall, **by the 15th day of each calendar month**, submit an invoice along with attendance, in-kind reporting, and other required reports to CAC on forms approved by CAC.
3. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the invoice and reports, provided same are submitted as required herein, CAC shall issue a check to Provider for Head Start programming provided.
4. CAC shall withhold payment to Provider for any enrolled child whose health records are absent or not current as required under the Community Action Council Child Development Procedures.
5. CAC shall withhold payment of invoices to the Provider if the Provider is non-compliant with the terms of this agreement. Once the Provider is compliant with the terms of this agreement, payment shall be issued.

Section V. MISCELLANEOUS:

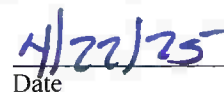
1. *Notices:* Any written notice required by this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, first class postage prepaid, or other such acknowledged delivery, and shall be effective upon receipt. Notices to CAC shall be delivered to: Mrs. Sharon Price, Executive Director, Community Action Council, 710 West High Street, P. O. Box 11610, Lexington, KY 40576. Notices to Provider shall be delivered to: Garrard County Superintendent and the Special Education Director/Preschool Coordinator, Garrard County Board of Education, 322 W Maple Ave, Lancaster, KY 40444.
2. *Insurance and Indemnity:*
 - a) Provider agrees to carry adequate liability insurance in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and to list CAC as an additional insured in the policy with a right to notice of cancellation of the policy. Provider shall provide certificates of insurance evidencing CAC as an additional insured no later than thirty (30) days within execution of this Agreement.
 - b) Provider assumes full responsibility for acts of negligence or omissions of all its employees or agents and for those of its subcontractors and their employees. In addition, Provider agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CAC and its employees and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees arising out of any acts, omissions or negligence which may result in damage, including property damage, bodily injury, illness or death caused by Provider, its employees or by others for whose acts the Provider or its agents may be liable. Provider shall provide CAC with a copy of its current certificate of liability insurance (whether one or more policies) for any acts of omission, error and negligence.
3. *Amendment:* This Agreement may be amended only in writing signed or acknowledged by each party.

4. *No Assignment:* No assignment of this Agreement, in whole or in part, shall be made without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
5. *Independent Contractor:* This agreement shall not create a partnership, joint venture, or create a master-servant relationship between Provider, its employees or agents, and CAC. Provider and CAC shall at all times remain independent contractors. Each party assumes all responsibility for its employee's compensation and benefits, tax withholding and payment, and general liability, workers' compensation and unemployment insurances and premiums. Neither Party shall have authority to bind or make commitments on behalf of the other for any purpose whatsoever and shall not hold itself out as having such authority.
6. *Confidentiality:*
 - a) "Confidential Information," as used in this and other Agreement documents, is all information regarding participants obtained by Provider or the Council, their agents and employees.
 - b) Both parties agree that any anecdotal report, compilation or summary of confidential information shall not be itself confidential information if individuals and households are not identifiable by name, social security number, street address, employer or any other means, and if anecdotal reports use fictitious identifiers.
 - c) Both parties agree that all confidential information shall be restricted to the use of only those employees and agents necessary to affect the purpose of this Agreement and for no other purposes. No other employers, agents, or entities shall have access to confidential information, and neither party shall not give, sell or otherwise allow access to confidential information to any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, agency, or other entity.
 - d) Both parties agree that all confidential information which is not necessary to affect the purpose of this contract shall be returned to the Council, destroyed, rendered unusable, or otherwise purged from Provider's records.
 - e) Both parties acknowledge that CAC will act in reliance upon the confidentiality provisions of the Agreement in allowing Provider access to confidential information or in furnishing confidential information to Provider.
7. *Remedies:* In the event Provider breaches any material provision of this Agreement, or CAC terminates this Agreement for cause, CAC shall be entitled to any and all rights or remedies that may be available, whether provided by law, equity, statute, or any agreement between the parties or otherwise. CAC's remedies include any and all penalties or sanctions against Provider, as appropriate, and its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in any legal or administrative action related to this Agreement.
8. *State Law Governing Agreement; Consent to Jurisdiction:* This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, without regard to its principles of conflicts of laws. The site of any legal action between the parties shall be held in state and/or federal court in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky.
9. *Enforcement of Rights:* CAC shall have the right to recover from Provider all expenses, including but not limited to fees for and expenses of inside and/or outside counsel hired by CAC, arising out of Provider's breach of this Agreement or any other action by CAC to enforce or defend CAC's rights hereunder.
10. *Authority:* The individuals executing this contract warrant that each is duly authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of their respective entities.
11. *Entire Agreement:* This is the entire agreement between the parties. It replaces and supersedes any and all oral agreements between the parties, as well as any prior writings. Modifications and amendments to this agreement, including any exhibit or appendix, shall be enforceable only if they are in writing and are signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

Provider must submit proof of the following documentation to CAC prior to execution of this Agreement: 1) Building Occupancy Permit; 2) STARS Certification; 3) Current Fire Marshal Inspection; 4) Required Criminal Record Checks as previously stated.

For: COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOR LEXINGTON-FAYETTE, BOURBON HARRISON AND NICHOLAS COUNTIES, INC.


Jessica Coffie, Director of Child Development


Date



Steven Gravitt, Chief Financial Officer

4.23.25

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For: **GARRARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Signature

Title

Organization

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/certification-regarding-lobbying>