

Children First!

OUR MISSION is to mobilize communities to actively educate, nurture, and care for all children in the Itasca Area.

OUR GOALS

- Provide a safe environment for children and their families.
- Provide engaging educational opportunities to families.
- Children from all incomes and backgrounds are valued and supported.
- Parents are linked to programs and community supports that empower them to meet the development and health needs of their children and themselves.

OUTCOMES

- All segments of the population experience their communities as welcoming and inclusive.
- Increased student success resulting from collaboration between parents, school systems, employers, and other entities.
- Community organizations actively participate to educate, nurture, and care for all children and families in the Itasca Area.

WHAT WE FUND

Free family events in the Itasca Area.

Selection Criteria & Process: Funds are awarded based on how closely aligned the event is to the Children First! goals. Also the impact the event will ultimately have on the community.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply well in advance of your event. If you produce a series of events throughout the year, consider requesting funding for the entire series in one application.

We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate particular needs on a case-by-case basis. Please contact us to discuss your specific circumstances.

Fill-out the application online or print the pdf. Forms can be found at www.getlearning.org

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about this program, please contact us at 218-327-5730

PARTNERING WITH CHILDREN FIRST!:

Community Ed offers free marketing for Children First! events.

- A listing in the Community Ed catalog (printed 3 times a year)
- Fliers (sent home in backpacks or online)
- Email/Newsletter
- Facebook *Please let us know in advance if you choose to post your own event on FB and be sure to make us a co-host/tag us.*

When setting up your own marketing please be sure to include Children First! as a partner. Making sure to include the Children First! logo on all printed material.

Acceptable use of Children First! logo:

Primary logo (full color)

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1-color black

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1-color white (to be used over a dark background or image)

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AT THE EVENT

Display a large Children First! banner, or for smaller events a Children First! poster will work. Both are available at the Community Ed office.

FINAL REPORT

 needs to include:

- Organizations involved on Planning Teams
- Participation numbers
- Changes at the community level as a result of Children First! events
- Comments from participants
- In-kind Data
- Partnerships formed