

281—64.15(256A,279) Grantee responsibilities.

64.15(1) The grantee shall maintain records which include but are not limited to:

- a. Information on children and families served.
- b. Direct services provided to children.
- c. Record of budget, including expenditures. Grant funding is to support direct services to children to the fullest extent possible. Administrative costs under these programs shall be limited to 10 percent of the total award.
- d. Other appropriate information specified by the council necessary to the overall evaluation.

Monitoring of such records will be conducted through the submission of annual reports by the grantee and may include on-site review as determined necessary by the department.

64.15(2) Programs in year one of award. Each program in year one of a grant shall meet the program standards and accreditation criteria of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Iowa quality preschool program standards, or other approved program standards as determined by the department during the program's first year of funding. Programs that do not attain accreditation or that do not receive a waiver will not be funded.

64.15(3) Programs in renewal years.

a. Programs shall participate in the renewal process and maintain accreditation with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Iowa quality preschool program standards and criteria, or other approved program standards as determined by the department. Programs unable to maintain accreditation may apply for a waiver of accreditation within 30 days of the change in accreditation status. Waivers shall be awarded at the discretion of the council. Programs that do not maintain accreditation or that do not receive a waiver will not be funded.

b. Continuation of a grantee's participation for a second or subsequent renewal year is subject to the approval of the department based upon the grantee's compliance with program requirements and the department's review of the grantee's implementation of the grant program.

c. Awarded grantees are to maintain the program standards identified in the awarded application throughout the five-year grant cycle, unless unforeseen circumstances occur. Such circumstances will be considered at the discretion of the council.

64.15(4) Grantees shall provide annual reports that include information detailing progress toward goals and objectives, expenditures and services provided on forms provided for those reports. Failure to submit reports by the due date shall result in suspension of financial payments to the grantee until the time that the report is received. No funds shall be made available to programs in renewal years when there are delinquent reports from prior years. No new initial awards shall be made to programs when there are delinquent reports from prior grant cycles.

64.15(5) Grantees may direct the use of moneys received to serve any qualifying child ranging in age from three years old to five years old, regardless of the age of population indicated on the grant request in the grantee's initial year of application. A grantee is encouraged to consider the degree to which the program complements existing local programs and services for three-year-old, four-year-old, and five-year-old children who are at risk, including other child care and preschool services, services provided through a school district, and services available through an area education agency.

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