

Quality Facilities for All (QFA) is committed to expanding and improving access to infant, toddlers, and two's (6 weeks - 35 months) care across Illinois by addressing facility quality concerns related to indoor air quality, temperature, ventilation, noise, lighting, classroom furnishing, and outdoor play areas. These factors contribute to high-quality learning environments, which are proven to positively impact the learning, development, and well-being of infants and toddlers.

QFA is a statewide program that will focus on high-need communities identified by IFF research. Beginning in 2022, QFA will focus on **East St. Louis School District 189**, with more communities coming in 2023.

How will QFA support center-based providers of infant, toddlers, and two's programs?

1. **Grants** to expand infant, toddlers, and two's capacity and/or enhance facility quality in these key areas: indoor air quality, temperature, ventilation, noise reduction, optimal lighting, and quality classroom furniture.
2. **Leadership and professional development opportunities** focused on enhancing provider knowledge on creating and maintaining high-quality facilities and developing sustainable financial practices.

Who is eligible for the QFA grants and professional development?

Center-based providers serving infants, toddlers, and two's (6 weeks - 35 months) are eligible to apply for the QFA grant program if they meet the specific criteria listed below.

Required	 Have no current facility-related licensing infractions.	 In operation for 3+ years as either a nonprofit or for-profit provider.	 Serve infants-toddlers from East St. Louis School District 189.	 For-profit programs at least 50% of enrollment funded with subsidy (CCAP).
	Recommended			
	 Possess a minimum of a bronze rating based on the ExceleRate rating system			

Who is IFF?

IFF is a mission-driven lender, real estate consultant, and developer that helps communities thrive by creating opportunities for low-income populations and individuals with disabilities. Working closely with clients from every sector, IFF offers affordable, flexible financing, full-scale real estate consulting, and community development services. IFF has a long history of expanding early education by identifying the need for as well as designing, financing, and building quality facilities in the Midwest.

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