

Quality Facilities for All (QFA) is committed to expanding and improving access to infant and toddler 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.

3 Ways QFA Will Support Providers of Infant and Toddler Programs

- Grants** to expand infant-toddler capacity and/or enhance facility quality in these key areas: indoor air quality, temperature, ventilation, noise reduction, optimal lighting, and quality classroom furniture.
- Leadership and professional development opportunities** focused on enhancing provider knowledge on creating and maintaining high-quality facilities, developing sustainable financial practices, and applying to capital grant opportunities, including the Illinois Early Childhood Capital Grant.
- Technical assistance** to support agencies with facility-related expertise when applying to available federal and state capital grants.

Committed To Partnering With High-Need Communities

QFA is a statewide program that will focus on high-need communities identified by IFF research. In 2021, we will focus on the following Chicago neighborhoods:

- Englewood
- South Lawndale
- Roseland

Who is eligible for the IFF's Quality Facilities for All grants?

Both center-based and family child care home providers are eligible to apply for the QFA grant program if they meet the specific criteria listed below.

For all providers	 Have no current licensing infractions.	 In operation for 3+ years as either a nonprofit or for-profit provider.	 Provide infant-toddler services in one of our high-need communities.	 For-profit programs at least 50% of enrollment funded with subsidy (CCAP).
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For Family Child Care Homes	 Priority is given to FCCH who are currently enrolled in the ExceleRate rating system with a minimum of a licensed rating
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For Center-Based Care	 Must possess a minimum of a bronze rating based on the ExceleRate rating system
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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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