Have you heard of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)?

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is a research based observation tool that focuses on the effectiveness of classroom interactions among teachers and children, because daily interactions promote children’s social, emotional, and cognitive development. Children thrive when teachers create nurturing, well-managed settings and provide frequent and engaging opportunities to learn.

Let us introduce you to The CLASS Institute!

What is The CLASS Institute?
The CLASS Institute provides training and coaching for your program to improve quality teacher/child interactions using the CLASS tool. We will help you learn more about this instrument and how to use it in your program, support one another, and how to sustain what you learn.

Training
Twenty-two hours of approved training for directors to attend together with multiple preschool teachers from their program. (Four hours of training take place on five Saturdays, and one additional two hour training.)

Coaching
Twelve hours of on-site group coaching for preschool teachers. (Director is required to participate in the last thirty minutes of each of the eight 1.5 hour sessions. Coverage will be needed for teachers as they will need to meet outside their classroom at the program).

Director Support Group
Twelve hours held in eight 1.5 hour sessions. Directors will meet together at a community location to learn more about how to integrate CLASS into their program and support their teachers and each other with this tool.

Individualized Coaching
Individualized one-on-one coaching is available to participating programs with toddler teachers that are committed to improving their interactions with the children (limited spots available).

When:
August 2017 through June 2018

- August and September --recruitment, collect commitment forms, and pre-assessments scheduled
- September, October, November—Twenty hours of training on preschool CLASS (Saturday Dates: September 16 & 30, October 14, November 4 & 18, and December 9 for reschedule, if needed)
- September, October, November, January, February, March, April, June—Twelve hours of Director’s Support Groups
- December—CLASS assessments completed on teachers to set goals for group coaching
- January—Group coaching introduction and CLASS refresher training (two hours)
- February through May—Group coaching sessions
- May and June—Post Observations

Incentives available for full participation
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The CLASS Institute Application 2017-2018

Program must accept children receiving state subsidy and located in the Kansas City region*

Name of parent organization or agency (if applicable): ____________________________

Name of Program: __________________________________________________________

Director’s Name: ___________________________ Years at Program: _______________

Program Address: __________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________

County: ___________________________ Program Phone: __________________________

E-mail address: ___________________________ Fax: __________________________

1. Days of operation (Days & Hours): _________________________________________ □ Year Round □ School Year

2. Licensing #: ___________________________ Date of License Expiration: __________
   Each separate location/licensed site must submit a separate application.

3. Has your center been under investigation for any reports of child abuse and/or endangerment during the last year?
   □ YES □ NO (If no, go to question 4)
   If yes, have these reports been substantiated? □ YES □ NO (If yes, please attach your action plan)

4. What is the total licensed capacity of your program? __________________________

5. How many children under age of FIVE are enrolled (not enrolled in kindergarten)? __________

6. Number of classrooms in your program: Infants (up to 1 year) __________________________
   Toddlers (13 months to 2 years) __________________________ Preschool (3-5 years) __________________________

7. How many children currently enrolled: Infants (up to 1 year) __________________________
   Toddlers (13 months to 2 years) __________________________ Preschoolers (3-5 years) __________________________

8. Do you accept children receiving state child care subsidies? □ YES □ NO Current # enrolled: __________
   How many children that do not receive subsidy live in households with income less than $45,000 per year? _________

9. Is your program participating in the CACFP? □ YES □ NO If yes, how many children are free and reduced: _______
10. How many of the children enrolled are: African American _______ Latino _______ White _______ Other _______

11. How many will participate in this project: Administrators ___________________ Teachers ___________________

**Submission Instructions:**

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be received by **August 25, 2017**

**Please email, fax or mail the application to:**

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