

# PRITZKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

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Dear Potential Funder,

As the Senior Program Officer at the Pritzker Early Childhood Foundation, I am pleased to recognize the important work of the Changing Children's Worlds Foundation throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. We have supported the Changing Children's Worlds Foundation (CCWF) in their efforts "to improve children's worlds through awareness raising, education & training, and advocacy to advance more peaceful families and communities." The Pritzker Early Education Foundation has supported CCWF to replicate a well-established, evidence-based, internationally recognized program with early childhood, education, social work, mental health, justice-involved professionals, paraprofessionals, as well as the parents/caregivers and children they serve in Chicago.

At this time, the Pritzker Early Childhood Foundation is in the process of sunsetting and has selected some of our past grantees to apply for terminal multi-year grants. We were pleased to offer Changing Children's Worlds Foundation the opportunity to apply for a special extension of five years of funding (\$175,000 total) in recognition of their important work.

CCWF has demonstrated their effectiveness in implementing the International Child/Parenting Development Program-USA (ICDP-USA) with diverse parents/caregivers. ICDP-USA is an empathy-based parenting program, with the goal of supporting the social/emotional, cognitive and regulative development of both parents and children. We were very pleased to support their important work in increasing family capacity and motivation to strengthen the empathy-based parenting and family relationships required for children to succeed both academically and socially. This is key to reducing violence in homes, schools and communities.

The ICDP program itself is used internationally and has clearly demonstrated evidence of parent and child improvement in many areas of adult-child interaction, as well as towards positive family relationships, mental health and quality of life. Through social/emotional learning that is empathy-based, parents and caregivers learn to create a home environment that is most likely to result in positive outcomes for children.

CCWF partners with local professionals and community leaders in the greater Chicagoland area to offer Training of community-based Professionals to become Facilitators in their Communities, with the goal of providing community-based, peer-facilitated weekly programs for Parents/Caregivers and Children. CCWF operates in Chicago Public Schools, community centers, social service agencies and other sites that serve families. Most of CCWF's partner sites serve low-income and under-resourced neighborhoods. They serve both English and Spanish populations, as well as other marginalized groups such as military parents, parents of children with special needs, single parents, teen parents, immigrant and refugee families Incarcerated parents.

We believe that the Changing Children's Worlds Foundation will continue to bring important support and opportunities to the communities it serves through increased funding opportunities

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lauren Krieg