

## On the Path to PTQ

**Deadline: 4:00 pm ET, December 16, 2024**

**Grant Funding Available: Multiple grants of \$1,000 to \$10,000; Total of \$75,000 to be awarded**

### *Introduction*

In the United Way of the Wabash Valley (UWWV) service area (Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties in Indiana and Clark County in Illinois) more than 33,000 households are considered to be asset-limited, income-constrained, and employed, or ALICE (see [www.uwwv.org/ALICE](http://www.uwwv.org/ALICE)). UWWV's Success by 6 will positively impact the ALICE population by investing in programs and initiatives that increase access to high-quality early learning experiences. United Way believes that children who receive high-quality care have the foundational skills needed to succeed in kindergarten, school, and life.

### *Program Funding Available*

UWWV Success By 6 recognizes that, in order to participate in Paths to QUALITY or achieve a PTQ high-quality rating, childcare providers often need financial assistance to overcome a particular barrier. Perhaps the childcare facility requires a new curriculum, or professional memberships, or new learning areas. Through this grant opportunity, UWWV Success By 6 invites childcare providers to apply for funds that will enable their program to overcome a barrier and take a next step toward an eventual high-quality designation.

UWWV is making available a total of \$75,000 to be provided to qualifying applicants. Applicants may apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$10,000. Funds must be spent within one year after they are awarded, and they must be used to enable a provider to participate in Paths to QUALITY or achieve a higher PTQ rating.

### *Program Eligibility and Application Criteria*

UWWV SB6 invites applications from **licensed family childcare provider homes** that operate year-round in Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, or Vigo Counties in Indiana or in Clark County, Illinois. Applicants must agree to participate in Paths to QUALITY or in the equivalent program in Illinois (for Clark County applicants). Award recipients will be expected to document their progress toward their PTQ goals.

### *Special Notes*

- This funding opportunity will not support general operating expenses or staff salaries.
- Priority will be given to applicants who have not received United Way funding in the past two years.

*Expected Program Outcomes*

Success By 6 has a long-term outcome to increase access, affordability, and choice of high-quality childcare in the Wabash Valley. Through the On the Path to PTQ investment, Success by 6 expects to advance the following goals:

- Enable a licensed program to begin participating in Indiana Paths to QUALITY (or IL equivalent)
- Enable a program already participating in Paths to QUALITY to increase to level 2 or higher.

*Submitted applications must:*

- Confirm that you are a licensed family childcare home.
- Describe your current program, program goals, the number of children and current population you serve.
- Identify a specific need/barrier that your program is experiencing and describe your proposal for removing that barrier.
- Describe how removing the barrier will enable you to meet your program goals.
- Describe how the United Way funds will help your program move toward a higher-quality rating.
- Include an anticipated timeline for removing the barrier and achieving your goal.
- Discuss the number of children that will be impacted by this improvement.
- Provide a detailed, itemized budget (example budget included in application).

*How to Apply*

Please go to <https://uwwv.org/for-non-profits/funding/> and complete the application form by 4:00 pm ET on December 16, 2024.

Link to budget template <https://uwwv.org/storage/2024/03/Mini-Grant-Budget-Template-2.xlsx>