



Ulysses Currie Head Start Program

State Supplement Grant Customer Service Q&A

June 26, 28, and July 6, 2023

Question	Could you provide an in-depth overview into the salary enhancements for the Head Start State supplement?
Answer	It would be a one-time salary adjustment to keep staff on board, to address the challenges of staffing; enhancements for education staff; and use the funding to increase funding to staff; including ways to be competitive to other markets. It could be used to hire an additional person. It could be called a retention bonus.
Question	Baltimore Childcare – I have a child care learning center and non-profit organization; can we apply for this supplement funding?
Answer	This grant is specifically for Head Start and Early Head Start funding. Child care programs there are a number of grants available for child care programs. Child Care Quality Incentive; or the accreditation support program are grant programs available for child care centers and is available to assist. In addition, there may be a number of other grants that can be found on the MSDE website on childcare that you could apply for funding for your childcare center.
Question	Four to Six weeks for summer programming are referred to in the GIG, could you propose to do two sessions of three weeks to reach the six or longer than six weeks?
Answer	If you have been successful at doing an 8-week program than you can request to continue that program.
Question	The GIG states programs can be extended from 6.5 to 10 hours, can you increase the length of day to less than 10 hours or does it have to be 10 hours?
Answer	You can increase program lengths for any period up to 10 hours while taking into consideration the needs of the families being served.

Question	Will the slide deck be available on the website?
Answer	The slide deck will be posted and can be found in the Resources section at the bottom of the page.