

EPIC TEACHER BONUS IS EXPANDING

Do you want more money for being an excellent Teacher? Duplin County Partnership is excited to expand the EPIC Teacher Bonus. You can receive a check twice a year for having college credits or a degree. Applications are due by 4:00, Friday, April 21, 2017.

Here's how much you can earn, by completing an application:

Semi-Annual Bonus	Education Benchmark
\$600	AAS Degree in Early Childhood Education, or any field with 12 additional semester hours in Early Childhood.
\$450	Early Childhood Diploma
\$300	Early Childhood Certificate
\$150	Early Childhood Credential

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Actively employed at a licensed child care facility in Duplin County.
2. Actively employed at the same facility (or employer if the employer has multiple sites) for a minimum of 6 consecutive months as of the due date for EPIC Teacher Bonus application.
3. Earn no more than \$10.00 per hour.
4. Employed and working 30 or more hours per week with children birth through 5 years of age (not enrolled in Kindergarten).
5. Possess a degree in Early Childhood, or an AA/AAS degree in any field with 12 additional semester hours in Early Childhood (EC), or if a degree is not earned, then all the following must be met:
 - a. active enrollment at an accredited institution (must complete at least one course in EC major in the previous session to be eligible for a bonus
 - b. be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or better
 - c. have completed a minimum of Early Childhood Credential with a grade level of "C" or better and must have been obtained within ten years of the EPIC Teacher Bonus application; and
 - d. have declared a major in EC.

If all the above statements are true then you are eligible to apply for the EPIC Teacher Bonus.

Eligibility doesn't guarantee that you will receive a bonus payment. Applicants are prioritized by those with the lowest wages, first come first serve with completed applications and required documentation and as funding allows. Eligible applicants not served due to funding will be placed on the wait list.

Applications will be dropped off at child care facilities, please see your director. You may also pick one up from our office or request an application to be mailed to you.

Please call Rita Flynn with any questions, at 910-296-2000.