

**Questions and Answers for Tuesday, August 20, 2024, through Friday,
August 23, 2024
DUE Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

DATE	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
8/23/2024	Can an intermediary also apply as a provider if the intermediary also has a licensed center or group home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. The applicant would need to submit a separate budget and proposal for Pathway A and Pathway B. The submissions may use duplicate attachments (i.e., nonprofit letters etc.) however, each of the required documents must accompany each submission. The submissions are separate, must be complete according to the requirements of submission and cannot reference any other submission.
8/23/2024	Can current staff become apprentices?	Yes. If the staff was an intern or a 1099 employee, the center would have to hire them as a W-2 staff member. Ideally, funding for recruitment and marketing of the opportunity is provided because the funding is intended to recruit new staff or to assist the ECE provider to be able to hire full time staff. The funding provides the supports and bonuses to retain the staff.
8/23/2024	Does the RFP fund Wages of Apprentices?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. The selected applicant must hire apprentices as W-2 employees and cannot use funds awarded through this RFP for personnel costs for the apprentice. The RFP does pay for workforce supports for training, education and assistance to the business for subs during that apprentice training, transportation for apprentices, bonuses, basic needs supports for the apprentice while completing CDA courses, and even mentors (from existing staff) for the apprentice.
8/23/2024	Do the verifications for the bonus question count in the 10 page proposal limit?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. To respond to the Bonus question, applicants may provide documentation (no more than three pages) to verify the enrollment of children at their business in publicly funded programs. These pages would be a separate attachment with a summary that briefly describes the documentation provided. The attachment does not count towards the 10-page proposal limit.

*Answers to questions submitted **Monday, August 26, 2024**, through **Friday, August 30, 2024**, will be answered and posted **Tuesday, September 3, 2024***