



Promising Ideas Incubator Frequently Asked Questions

The following are Frequently Asked Questions regarding the ECIC Child Care Innovation Fund Promising Ideas Incubator. If there are additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at grants@ecic4kids.org or jbough@ecickids.org

1) **What makes a team?**

A Team is a group of people/organizations who have an idea or some ideas for innovations and they are ready to build their capacity to use human centered design practice to strength their idea into an actual innovation that could be piloted or scaled.

2) **Do providers need to apply with a team?**

A Team could be entirely composed of providers who have an idea about an innovation that would benefit their entire community or region. OR Providers could be a member of a Team that includes for example, someone from the Great Start to Quality Resource Center and someone from the regional economic development organization. Ideally a Team is a group of people/organizations who want to work together both during and after the Incubator to plan, pilot or scale a child care innovation for their community or region. We anticipate the Team that attends an Incubator session may also represent a larger group – and the hope would be they are sharing the learning and tools with the larger group both during and after the Incubator.

3) **Do years of provider service count (20+ years)?**

The Incubator is not choosing Teams based on the years of service of any Team members.

4) **If providers do not have their own team should they not apply?**

We are designing the Incubator to be a Team experience because we believe that when more than one person from a group learns something at the same time, they can build their capacity more quickly and are more likely to be able to take what they have learned, put it into practice, and share it with others.