



Dear Faith Leader,

Every child in Oakland should enter kindergarten ready to succeed. When children enter kindergarten with the skills and enthusiasm to learn, they are better prepared to succeed in school and in life! Children learn through relationships, so we are committed to supporting the adults who love and teach them most-their parents and caregivers! We believe places of worship are an essential part of families' lives.

The Kenneth Rainin Foundation, in partnership with Literacy Lab, is offering an opportunity for places of worship (any denomination) in Oakland, to support families in building the language, literacy and social emotional skills that children need to be ready for kindergarten.

If you are a faith leader who wants to support children being kindergarten ready, we would like to provide resources to your congregation that support families to get their kids ready for school. We invite you to apply to partner with us. Please read the attached program information and requirements, complete the application, and email it to Paula Ambrose at paula.ambrose@krfoundation.org. You may also mail or drop it off at:

Kenneth Rainin Foundation
155 Grand Ave., Suite# 1000, Oakland, CA 94612

Applications are due January 27, 2017 by 5 pm. You will be notified of selection outcome by February 10, 2017 via email or phone, so please be sure we have your correct contact information. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Paula Ambrose – Program Officer
Kenneth Rainin Foundation

Program Description

10 places of worship will receive Literacy Lab's early learning services, which will include:

- Two early childhood literacy sessions for parents/caregivers that help bolster their knowledge and experience as their child's first teacher. These fun events will include parent discussions, short activities, games and fun giveaways. Sessions must be held by November 2017.
- Free books for preschool children and their parents/ caregivers to read together
- Access to ongoing information via their text message program *Chispa*, which includes tips and tools that will help children ages Birth-5 years gain the language and literacy skills they need to be ready for kindergarten and success in school.
- A \$1000 stipend to be used for expenses like: a stipend for a dedicated Project Lead, Translators (if needed), food, promotion, decorations etc.

Participation Requirements:

- **Application:** Completed and emailed to Paula Ambrose at paula.ambrose@krfoundation.org, or you may mail or drop it off at: Kenneth Rainin Foundation, 155 Grand Ave., Suite# 1000, Oakland, CA 94612. **Applications are due by January 27, 2017 at 5 pm.**
- **Leadership Consent** (e.g., Iman, Bishop, Priest, Pastor, Rabbi, etc.): Your organization leader must sign the application stating consent to participate. His/her signature confirms agreement to:
 - Make Literacy Lab services available to families with children Birth to 5 in your congregation and/or your surrounding community, as outlined in the program description.
 - Designate and support a project lead to successfully implement the Literacy Lab services in your organization. A best practice: kick-off the work by announcing it during one of your services or events, talk about the importance of kids having the skills to be ready for kindergarten, encourage families to participate. Or introduce it as part of a baby dedication ceremony. We're happy to provide some brief talking points to help you.
 - Ensure appropriate disbursement of the \$1000 stipend.
- **Project Lead:**
 - Attend an orientation meeting on February 9, 2017 to help get you started, **and** attend at least one of possibly two check-in meetings. Check-in meeting(s) will be scheduled during the orientation meeting, at a time most convenient for the participants.
 - Work with the Literacy Lab team to schedule dates and location(s) for the session, invite & promote workshops to eligible families, ensure appropriate food/snacks are available at the session, be present on the day of to ensure successful delivery, and support Literacy Lab in evaluating overall program effectiveness. Although it is not required, a best practice is to offer onsite childcare and translation if needed to support parent/caregiver participation in the workshops.

Application for Faith Based Organizations Early Childhood Literacy Program

How to Apply

1. **Complete the Application: To be eligible for consideration you must complete, sign and return the application.**
2. **Call with questions.** If you have questions, please email or call Paula Ambrose: paula.ambrose@krfoundation.org or 510-625-5214
3. **Submit your application by January 27, 2017 at 5 pm, via email to Paula Ambrose. You may also mail or hand deliver your application (leave with the receptionist please).**

MAILING or HAND DELIVERY ADDRESS

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You will be notified by phone, mail or email confirming your participation on or about February 10, 2017 if you are invited to participate.

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Section 1. Primary Contact Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
Your Role	Will you be Project Lead <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If no, please share name (and email if known) of person who will be project lead.
Church Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Church Office Phone	Primary Contact (day time phone)	Primary Contact (cell)
Primary Contact - E-Mail Address		
Best way to contact me is (email, daytime or cell phone) :		
Best time to call is (daytime, after work, other):		
Name of person who leads your organization (i.e., Pastor, Imam, Bishop, Priest, Rabbi etc.):		
Email and phone number for this person:		

Section 2. About your organization

Who currently works with children, birth to 5, at your place of worship?	Are they staff, volunteers or both?
What programs and/or services do you currently offer for children birth to 5 and their families?	
Why would you like to participate in this program?	

How will you get families from your organization and/or the surrounding community to participate (e.g., outreach plan?).

What are the primary languages spoken with children and families at your place of worship?

<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Tagalog
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese
<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

What is the NUMBER of children ages 0-5 in organization (estimates are OK)

_____ 0-3 years
 _____ 4-5 years

How many people are in your congregation (estimates are OK):

Is there anything else you can tell us about your organization, your neighborhood, and the families with children birth to 5 that you serve?



**** REQUIRED SIGNATURE ****

I certify that I have read the information in this application, and agree to participate as outlined in the participation requirements.

Primary Contact Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

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Leadership Consent (i.e., Pastor, Imam, Bishop, Priest, Rabbi, etc.)

I have reviewed the information for the Kenneth Rainin Foundation's, Faith Based Early Childhood Literacy Program, and I agree to support our organization's participation as outlined in the participation requirements.

Leader Signature:

Printed Name:

Date:

Title:

Phone:

Email: