

National Dislocated Worker Grants

WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (WORC II)

Appalachian Regional Commission and Delta Regional Authority (ARC - DRA)

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA-ETA-20-04)

Grant Number: MI-35517-20-60-A-9

Early Childhood Workforce Opportunity



Areas to be Served: Counties in both ARC and DRA regions in Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and West Virginia

The goal of the WORC grants is to create economic prosperity and gainful employment opportunities for eligible residents in impacted ARC and DRA regions, enabling them to remain and thrive in these communities.

The project will provide Early Childhood Education (ECE) career pathways for participants to achieve increases in workforce participation and qualifications in target ARC and DRA counties. The project will serve caregivers and ECE staff with low incomes and low or no post-secondary education.

EKU will provide a fast-track bachelor's degree with a Child Development concentration. Save the Children will develop and offer trainings for ECE professionals interested in opening a home-based childcare business, as well as child development courses to advance incumbent workers' careers.

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**Planned
Participants**

100



**Up to
Amount**

\$618,909



**Target
Population**

Multiple
Groups



**Period of
Performance**

9/30/20-
9/30/23