



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



November 2, 2018

Linda Hampton
Office of the Governor
State of Kentucky
125 Holmes Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Ms. Hampton:

This letter is an official notification of the closeout of the corrective action plan for Kentucky's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant. Based on the information and documentation received regarding the response to the Departments requirements outlined in the October 18, 2016 corrective action notification, Kentucky has sufficiently addressed all aspects in its required Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

As described in the CAP submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Departments), this letter certifies that Kentucky has been successful in:

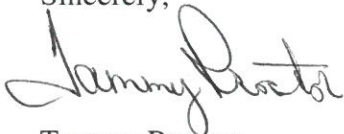
- Hiring a project manager who, in turn, identified and addressed dependencies between multiple sub-projects, timelines, activities, and deliverables and submitted monthly updates of the progress being made.
- Adequately staffing Project 2 with staff working collaboratively to support full implementation and sustainability of the new Kentucky ALL STARS TQRIS.
- Ensuring that all early care and education providers are informed of the benefits of Kentucky ALL STARS and are supported in their efforts to participate and advance to the higher quality levels.
- Creating needed structures for ongoing, effective communication and coordination with contract staff with the University of Kentucky.
- Carrying out its plan to provide the number of programs signing up for KY ALL STARS, the number that have completed assessment, been rated and have increased in their rating.
- Submitting monthly reports of its spending, showing encumbered and obligated funds, showing no unobligated funds, and explaining any variances in projections and actuals, leading to nearly all of its RTT-ELC funds being drawn down as of September 2018.

- Developing a written communication plan that resulted in the sharing of information across all departments involved in the RTT-ELC grant and with all stakeholders including child care, Head Start, Pre-K, and various community hubs.
- Involving key leadership in the regular appraisal of RTT-ELC progress, deliverables, achievements, and challenges, including submitting regular updates to its Early Childhood Advisory Council and having the Governor's Office of Early Childhood keep records of all meetings and discussions having to do with RTT-ELC deliverables.

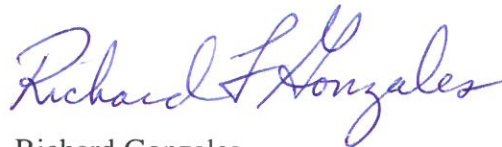
The Departments thank Kentucky for its concerted effort and successful implementation of its corrective action plan as it works toward closing out its RTT-ELC grant and completing its comprehensive efforts towards building successful state systems of early learning, as identified in its scope of work.

If you need any additional assistance regarding RTT-ELC, please do not hesitate to contact your Project Officer, Richard Gonzales, at (202) 401-5138 or Richard.Gonzales@acf.hhs.gov and your co-project officer, Erika Lundy, at (404) 562-2770 or Erika.Lundy@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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