



Guilford County Partnership for Children, in cooperation with the NC General Assembly, NCPC, Inc., and the Dollywood Foundation, Inc., is receiving applications from non-profit or public organizations in Guilford County to expedite the implementation of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) in four zip codes of Guilford County (27405, 27406, 27260, 27261). Click [here](#) for more information about DPIL.

Interested organizations must attend a workshop on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Large Training Room at Guilford Child Development, 1200 Arlington Street, Greensboro, NC from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. and submit the completed application by Friday December 15, 2017. Applications must include all necessary attachments and documentation. To RSVP for the workshop, please email Adrienne Varitimidis at AdrienneV@guilfordchildren.org.

The RFA (Request for Applications) review committee will provide notice to the awardee by January 15, 2018.

As this is a two-year proposal period beginning January 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 the implementing organization will receive access to an award of \$10,000, payable over the course of January 2018-June 2018 to support implementation work with an option for renewal after satisfactory evaluation of performance for the following period of July 2018 – June 2019. The implementing organization will receive \$1.80 for each correctly-registered child. The availability of the per-child stipend to the implementing organization after June 2019 is subject to the availability of NC General Fund support in the next biennium.

The expected implementation plan must include provisions for the following:

- Implementation of DPIL in all four zip codes by June 30, 2018.
- Reasonable plan for program sustainability after June 2019.
- If applicable and available, organizational metrics on current or previous administration of other, evidence-based or evidence-informed, pre-literacy programs and early literacy book-distribution programs for children birth to five in Guilford County.
- Implementation consistent with the DPIL US Operations Training Manual (for a copy of the manual, click [here](#)) including:

- Targets for the number of children for enrollment in DPIL each year for 2017-18 and 2018-19
- Outreach, communication, and management of book inventory in promoting aggressive recruitment of families and highly effective techniques for loss prevention of undelivered books, particularly through existing community partnerships or other business relationships.
- Data entry about participating children and families in the Dollywood Foundation Book Ordering System (BOS) database.
- Management of undelivered books from post offices and re-delivery of returned books to other locations for public use on a weekly basis.
- Participate in NCPC's state evaluation, in particular NCPC's March 2018 Implementation report to the NC General Assembly.

The on-line application survey link will be provided at the workshop and on the website on November 28, 2017.

This DPIL RFA process is subject to the provisions of the "Smart Start Competitive Bidding Policy, June 13, 2017-Revised," available upon request.

If no qualified applicants are received, as the activating contractor for DPIL in Guilford County, Guilford County Partnership for Children is statutorily eligible to submit an application for the expedited implementation of DPIL pursuant to the RFA.

For further information, submit written questions to Susan Brady, Program Director at SusanB@guilfordchildren.org.