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## AB212 Center-Based Team Professional Development Grant Request for Applications

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The Contra Costa County Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development invites applications from state funded centers for a Center-Based Team Professional Development Grant. This is a pilot program for the 2009-10 year and \$30,000 from AB212 has been allocated to fund up to five (5) teams. The Local Planning Council hopes to use the application process to assess the need for expanding the program and allocating funding for more teams in future years.

### Program Foundation

The AB212 Center-Based Team Professional Development Grant is designed to foster:

1. Peer Learning - through the creation of small peer learning groups or discussion groups.
2. Communication - to identify areas of staff expertise and areas for staff growth.
3. Mutual Cooperation - to promote sharing of professional knowledge, to put knowledge gained from professional development opportunities into practice in the classroom, and to support team-based approaches to program improvement.
4. Professional Development - in areas that have been identified by the staff team at the site.
5. Personal Growth and Emotional Support for Staff - to support the retention of a stable and skilled workforce.

### Requirements and Guidelines

The grant is for a staff team to engage in common professional development to help them address a program need. There needs to be at least 18 hours of professional development activities for each team member.

The amount of each grant will vary based on the number of team members and the activities. A guideline for planning purposes is to use \$400 per team member for teams of nine (9) or more and \$500 per team member for teams of eight (8) and under. This is for planning purposes only. The grant money goes to the center to support the activities of the team. Individual staff members Do not receive funds or stipends.

The application forms can be accessed at [www.plan4kids.org](http://www.plan4kids.org). Carefully reading the directions will help you write a quality application. Applications are due September 30, 2009.

The applications will be reviewed using the quality criteria attached to the grant and up to five (5) grants will be given to centers rated highly qualified.

If you have questions about the grant application please contact:

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