



**REGIONAL INITIATIVE FUNDING
FOR CALENDAR YEAR
2004**

INLAND NORTH

(Willits, Branscomb, Laytonville, Leggett & Piercy)

KIM'S DAY CARE

Indoor Play Area

\$ 523/\$523

I have two 16 by 16 Living Rooms. One room is designated as a "Day Care Room." I would like to fill the room with playing equipment that is age appropriate and can be used to promote large motor skills development (climbing, crawling and slipping) as well as creative/imaginary play.

GRANDMA'S HOUSE

Indoor Play Activities

\$883/\$883

Indoor play activities-for small daycare center.

MENDOCINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Willits Car Seat Distribution

\$7,500/\$14,100

The purpose of the car seat distribution program is to ensure the proper use and installation of car seats and booster seats via educational presentations conducted in Spanish and English to parents and caregivers. The car seat/booster seat distribution program will provide low or no-cost car seat and booster seat distribution with accompanying presentations/education to parents and caregivers in Willits. Parents and caregivers will learn how to properly install and use car seats and/or booster seats, as well as how to select the correct seat to use for their child. The car seat distribution program will also stress correct use of seat belt by parents, caregivers, and older siblings.

NUESTRA CASA

Crianza Con Cariño

\$7,500/\$10,000

Nuestra Casa has piloted an innovative and very successful family-based, Spanish language and culturally appropriate parenting program called Crianza Con Carino that we would like to expand to Willits. The family is a system of interlocking relationships and this program is designed so that all family members can attend together and learn the same skills to build nurturing relationships. The program consists of a series of experiential activities for parents and children to participate in together in a group with 6-7 other families. Latino facilitators lead three developmentally appropriate activities simultaneously for parents and their children on a weekly basis.

WILLITS COMMUNITY CENTER**First 5 Basics****\$5,600/\$8,375**

To identify, educate and refer families with 0-5 children to appropriate programs and services; to provide basic human services to children 0-5 and their families; to help educate the parents or guardians on other available resources and to help them become aware of good nutritional guidelines and practices.

NORTH COAST OPPORTUNITIES**Willits Early Head Start Center Facility Renovation****\$7,500/\$7,500**

Renovations to the NCO Willits Early Head Start Center will improve the health and safety of the 24 children served in the program. Existing half wall room dividers and sleeping area will be extended to the ceiling with windows. Child safety gates will be replaced with full doors. A new hot water heater will be installed to supply dishwasher and classroom sinks with hot water. A wall mounted changing table will be installed in child bathroom and a metal frame awning will be installed in play area to increase the amount of shade.

LITTLE RASCALS CHILD CARE**Child Care Equipment****\$1,800/\$2,250**

Play group and play ground equipment, sawdust (or safety ground cover), video scopes, lug wheels, and scooters.

LAYTONVILLE HEALTHY START**LINK: Laytonville's Interconnected Kids' Network****\$39,523/\$62,173**

1. The Playground component will meet weekly at Harwood Hall targeting 0-5 years old. Once monthly, a mutually defined topic will be discussed and a quarterly workshop will be offered on subjects such as nutrition, discipline, sleeping (how to get them to), first aid targeted at rural living (rattlesnake bites, bleeding emergencies, etc.) They will have a book/video exchange program and activities aimed at gross motor development, positive brain development and parent education. They will expand their outreach to bring in more young mothers.
2. The Imaginative Play component will be integrated with and supplemental to the Playground and provided at the Laytonville Pre-school. The target group will be 3-5 years old. It will have 3 distinct programs. First, after pre-school day care will be provided 3 days per week, 3 hours per day during the regular school year, January-June 2003 and September-December 2003. Second, an imaginative play summer camp, 3 days per week for 4 weeks during summer 2003 focusing on art, drama and creative thinking. The third aspect will be a check out program for parents to borrow imaginative play tools for use at home.
3. The Facilities Improvement component will allow comprehensive nutrition education for Playground, Pre-school. Families Empowerment and Teen Night (our future parents) participants.

**MENDOCINO COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT
North County Family Enhancement Services****\$35,000/\$83,587**

Mendocino Family and Youth Services (MFYS) will implement North County Family Enhancement Services to address the needs of Willits and north county families that have young children and are experiencing separation or divorce. Family Enhancement Services (FES) include *Parenting Apart* workshops, supervised visitation, and monitored exchange services for parents and their children ages 0-5. FES safeguards children from parental conflict, domestic violence, child neglect or abuse, and parental substance abuse by providing a safe and consistent venue for safe contact between the non-custodial parent and the child(ren). The overall goal of the project is to empower parents to develop healthy relationships with their children while facilitating their ability to comply with custody or visitation orders of the Court as they transition to more normalized visitation and custody arrangements. Through FIRST 5 funding, MFYS will develop a Spanish language revision of the *Parenting Apart* curriculum to better serve Spanish-speaking parents. During the funding year, MFYS will facilitate 6 English parenting workshops (serving up to 90 parents) and 3 Spanish workshops (serving up to 45 parents), and will provide 400 hours of supervised visitation.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES-COLLABORATIVE LEAD
Family Track****\$97,468/\$277,221**

Family Track is multi-disciplinary coordinated system to reach and link families to: 1) preventative/interventive parent education and support efforts; and, 2) direct family mental, substance abuse and health care services in Willits. The objectives are to: 1) increase the availability of parent education and skills development which help parents to better meet the physiological and psychological needs of their children from birth and beyond; 2) increase the number of available support efforts (disease prevention, AOD, domestic violence, etc.) and healthcare (well baby, immunizations, etc.) to enhance the health and safety of their home environments.