



Rural America Initiatives  
Prenatal to Five Head Start Program



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We are requesting a conditional use on review permit at 415 Macarthur St., to provide a Head Start classroom for 15 children and have our room be state licensed as a group family child care room. Rural America Initiatives is a non-profit program in Rapid City, we are doing business as Rural America Initiatives Prenatal to Five Head Start Program. We are servicing Native American Families who have moved off the reservation in the past year with Head Start services and wrap around child care. Our program provides services to families who are low income, have at risk needs and participate in work or school to work towards self sufficiency. The ages of the children are 3-5 years old. The area of the church we will use for classroom space and indoor play. Four classroom staff will operate this program with one Family Services staff supervising. This program will operate Monday through Friday 7am to 5:30pm with bussing services between 7-8am and 4:30-5:30pm. The majority of our children will be provide bus services to and from the site.

Church services are on Sunday and Thursday evening hours. The chapel itself holds 88 people. No funerals have been held at this church due to the small size of the actual chapel. We approached the church in our initial grant writing planning phase and identified this area as being close to our existing center at 612 Crazy Horse St.(Dakota Transitional Head Start) and in the neighborhood of many of our parents.

We will transport meals to this center from the Crazy Horse St. building. No cooking will be done at this location. Since our existing center is down the street our children will be transported to the main center for outdoor play or we will transport to College Park. Phase two of our project will include an outdoor, fenced play area for children. We received grant funding from the Office of Head Start to provide an additional 15 full day, full week slots to children that are homeless, have incarcerated parents or are foster children. We have moved the new classroom into our existing building and need to move our more established classroom to a new location. Thank you for considering our application.

Sincerely

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