

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION
Ridgewood Baptist Church

1. General Information:

Organization Name:

Ridgewood Child Development Center (a ministry of Ridgewood Baptist Church)

Affiliation with ABCUSA:

Ridgewood Baptist Church is a member congregation of ABC of Indiana and Kentucky

Address: **6209 Greenwood Rd. Louisville, KY 40258**

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Contact person: **Rev. Matthew K. Johnson**

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2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement:

To provide high-quality care and preschool programs for our community in a way that creates a warm, nurturing environment, builds self-esteem, teaches Christian values, fills a variety of needs for parents, and prepares children for Kindergarten and other life experiences.

- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable. **See Below**

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? **See Below**

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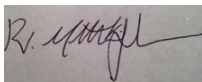
5. Total cost of the project: **up to \$6,000/month until funding is restored**

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: **\$5,000**

7. Your other funding source(s): **Ridgewood Baptist Church has contributed \$10,000 towards this project. We are also applying for the American Baptist Home Mission Society's Children in Poverty Grant, and continue to pursue other sources of funding.**

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed)



Date: **3.1.2014**

Printed Name/Title: **Rev. Matthew K. Johnson, pastor**

Ridgewood Child Development Center	
Budget	
2014	
Revenues	
Daycare Fees	\$ 377,505
Food Program	30,000
Total Revenues	\$ 407,505
Expenditures	
Payroll	\$ 269,656
Payroll Taxes	20,710
Total Payroll	\$ 290,366
Other Expenditures	
Food Purchased & Kitchen supplies	\$ 44,320
Utilities (LG&E, Sanitation, Water & Drainage fees)	26,976
Custodial Services	21,216
Office Supplies & small equipment	2,400
Janitorial Supplies	2,400
Classroom Supplies	3,900
Dues - 4 C's Member Fee	95
KESA Worker Comp. Insurance	4,800
Guide One Building & Liability Insurance	7,440
Building Maintenance & Repairs	5,200
New Equipment	1,300
Staff Training	4,320
New Hires - Background Checks etc.	540
Copier lease & paper usage	2,184
Events & Miscellaneous	1,500
Telephone	1,320
Van & Transportation (fuel & maintenance)	1,380
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 131,291
Total Expenditures	\$ 421,657
Revenues less Expenditures (projected deficit)	\$ (14,152)

For over 40 years, the Ridgewood Child Development Center has provided safe, affordable, high-quality child care for families in southwest Louisville, KY. Many, if not most, of the families who trust the Ridgewood CDC with their children (birth through 5th grade) are of limited means. The majority of Ridgewood CDC children qualify for free and reduced breakfast and lunch. The CDC is not just day care. It offers preschool education in order to prepare children for Kindergarten. Once in school, before and after school care provides a homework help component.

Many of our CDC families previously qualified for Child Care Assistance funding through the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Changes in federal funding (sequestration) however, caused the Commonwealth to freeze new applications for Child Care Assistance and raise the eligibility requirements so that families cannot make more than 100% of the poverty level (as opposed to the previous level of 150%) in order to qualify for assistance.

The effects on the Ridgewood CDC were immediate and dire. As recently as June of 2013, the Ridgewood CDC was running at full capacity (99 children). But with families losing their eligibility for assistance, they began removing their children from the CDC. Currently, the Ridgewood CDC has 66 full time and 8 part time children enrolled.

We are concerned for the welfare of the children who are no longer able to be enrolled in the Ridgewood CDC. Who is watching them? Are they getting enough to eat? Are they safe? Are they learning? Parents are faced with difficult decisions. They must either leave their children in less than ideal situations or quit their job and lose much needed income.

This also creates a severe crisis of funding for the CDC itself, as Commonwealth assistance has been reduced from roughly \$13,000/month to \$7,000/month. Several CDCs in our community have closed and we understand that over 400 CDCs have closed statewide. There is hope that the Kentucky Legislature will restore funding in this year's budget, but that does not go into effect until July of this year. If the CDC is forced to close, 20 people will lose their jobs and the families of all of these precious children will be forced to find other child care accommodations.

The Ridgewood CDC would like to once again provide child care for families who do not qualify for Child Care Assistance at the current levels of eligibility. This fund would be used to reach out to impoverished families in our area who have been forced to withdraw their children from the CDC because of lost child care subsidies. The funds from the Matthew 25 Grant would supplement their tuition so that these children can once again spend their days in a safe environment of love and learning.