The following were questions that were not able to be answered on the webinar.

1. **What percentage of strategies should be new vs. currently in place?**
   This is hard to say because each community is different and may have different resources available in their community. The RFP encourages community applicants to know existing parenting interventions and have a plan and approach to leveraging what may already exist into a comprehensive strategy.

2. **The grant is due at 5:00PM CDT on Aug. 28?**
   Yes. Please refer to page five of the RFP for more information on submission.

3. **Can we do strategies to educate parents on the effects of trauma?**
   No. The purpose of the grant is to develop a community-wide saturated approach to parenting interventions that offers parents of young children the opportunities to strengthen their leadership and skills as caregivers that support their child’s readiness for kindergarten readiness.

4. **I’m just a mom listening in. What can I do? I’m not an educator or a stakeholder. My son is going into kindergarten.**
   We encourage you to stay connected with what’s going on in your local community and active in your child’s early learning and growth. Thank you for joining our webinar. To stay connected follow Illinois Action for Children on social media at @IAFC_Cares to stay in touch or join our e-newsletter to get regular information at our website: www.actforchildren or click here.

5. **How many strategies per tier should we include?**
   The number of strategies per tier will vary based on your community need and approach. While we don’t have a minimum request for number of strategies per tier, we do require that there be at least one strategy per tier to comprise of a comprehensive approach. Depending on your community, this may differ. We ask you to describe and provide rationale for why you pick the strategies per tier and your program design.

6. **Did you define "success" of this project as "inputs" will differ depending on the "outputs" you want to register.**
   Thank you for your question. I’m not clear on the question here. If you were the participant asking this question, please feel free to ask us directly.

7. **What does the monitoring process look like throughout the project?**
   Illinois Action for Children, as the Lead Agency, will be working closely with the two selected communities. The monitoring may include regular reporting and regular meetings with awarded communities throughout the grant. Communities will have to participate in an independent evaluation process as well.

8. **Are the strategies we select required to be listed in the menu of services given?**
   Yes. You must select strategies from the existing menu of services.

9. **Strategies should focus on serving parents with children under what age?**
The strategies should serve children ages birth through five.

The following are questions answered during the webinar. The answers are not verbatim from the webinar. Feel free to visit the webinar for more details.

1. **What types of organizations are you looking for to apply to this RFP? Direct service providers, foundations, community-based backbone organizations?**
   Please refer to the RFP to read more about the types of organizations eligible for this grant. Organizations applying must be able to receive funding.

2. **Are there set parameters for costs on: staff working the project vs program costs?**
   All costs associated with the project should go toward project implementation of this grant. Staff on this grant should be directly tied to advancing the grant goals. Program costs with this grant should go towards implementation of grant goals.

3. **How is scoring determined on Human centered design if we have not been trained yet?**
   There is a question on the narrative around human-centered design. The quality of your answer and your expressed commitment to using the human-centered design approach will be accounted in the scoring.

4. **Is there a set % for indirect administrative costs?**
   There is not a set % reserved for indirect administrative costs. However, indirect should be reasonable. Illinois Action for Children reserves the right to request budget revisions of the awarded community.

5. **Will this funding be flexible? Not only to adjust goals, but to make changes to work plan depending on what is currently impacting the community? IE Covid, BLM**
   We ask you to present a budget proposal. Funding will be flexible to adjust to changes with the work plan and/or shifts in program design. We encourage you to think about how you may adapt your goals or strategies to respond to COVID or other community factors.

6. **Who are the funders of this project?**
   There are seven funders of this project. Some of the funders wish to remain anonymous.

7. **What kind of time commitment would the human centered design training require over the 12 weeks of training?**
   There will be trainings that may be half-day trainings depending on the method of delivery. Coaching and consultation supports may be up to 2-3 hours each.

8. **Is it true that this grant is not available in Cook County recipients and if so why?**
   No.

9. **Is there a minimum threshold and maximum limit of parents that would be eligible for the more intensive level of saturation supports**
   No.

10. **Will you be defining "specific" quantitative and qualitative outcomes you want the project to achieve?**
    The RFP outlines intended outcomes of this project. Communities should complete their work plan that includes their goals and activities with measurable outcomes. IAFC and the independent evaluator may work with the communities to define additional specific quantitative and qualitative outcomes to measure.

11. **Are we supposed to give stipends to participants or community partners?**
In our experience, parent participation can be a barrier. Often, stipends help to offset the cost of participation for a parent’s time. While it’s not required, we encourage you to think about how you would address parent or stakeholder participation barriers.

12. This sounds very similar to some of the Early Childhood Block Grant and components. How is this different?
   This grant opportunity is about testing a community-wide approach to parenting interventions locally for all children. The parenting interventions and approach should be made available to all families with young children regardless of whether or not family is served through an agency that is funded through the Early Childhood Block Grant. If your community has programs funded through the Early Childhood Block Grant, we hope that you leverage these existing services as part of your comprehensive and community-wide approach.

13. Do you have guidelines for what we should include in our budget proposal?
   Please refer to the budget template for instructions and suggested budget expenses.

14. Can funds be used to acquire items for participants? More specifically, can we buy developmental toys, books, computer programs for children?
   Funds can only be used to acquire items for participants directly tied to the Community Parenting Saturation Project.

15. Our collaboration has over 150 members who are engaged in different capacities. How in depth should we go with the community partners list?
   Please list community partners that are definitely committed to or plan to be directly involved in the Community Parenting Saturation project first. The rest of the members can be listed generally by name and/or organization.

16. Can we include travel costs for families that do not have reliable transportation?
   The costs for travel must be connected to the project and implementing the project goals.

17. Can funds be used to acquire new facility for the project?
   No.

18. When thinking about the human-centered design training: who should take the training?
   Parents? How many?
   People that should be in your training should include families as well as key community stakeholders. We will work with you to identify the appropriate mix and number of participants. We assume at least 10 people.

19. Can Consultants be used in this project?
   Consultants can be used if they are directly involved in and part of the implementation of this grant deliverables.

20. Are looking of for one grantee more downstate or is there possibility of a suburban grantee?
   We are looking for 1 grantee outside of Chicago but within Illinois.

21. Are only 2 grants being awarded 1 in the city of Chicago and one outside?
   Yes.

22. How will the implementation of strategies be sustained long-term?
   Sustainability is an integral part of this work. We encourage you to think about sustainability at the beginning of this project. If you are able to identify and secure any local funding for this project, please do provide that information in the grant that can help with sustainability. Illinois Action for Children is committed to finding more funding to sustain this project as well.
23. **Is the Human Center training a train the trainer model?**
   The awarded communities will be trained on the human-centered design approach and expected to implement it locally.

24. **Our collaboration serves a county. Would you recommend defining our community as a smaller level such as four school districts?**
   We leave it up to you to define your community and its boundaries.

25. **Have you identified an independent evaluator yet or are you accepting applicants for those as well?**
   There will be a separate RFP process for the independent evaluator. The RFP has not been released yet and the process will be managed by a separate entity.

26. **Are there any formatting requirements that we should be careful to not miss?**
   Yes. Please refer to the RFP for formatting requirements on page five.

27. **Can goals be adjusted through this process based upon new information learned as we go through this saturation project?**
   Yes. Goals may be adjusted and adapted as the saturation project implementation begins.

28. **Is there an in-kind match requirement or sustainability plan required?**
   There is not an in-kind match or required sustainability plan for the application. However, sustainability will be an important part of the project for selected communities.

29. **How many people should we budget travel costs to attend the human-centered design training?**
   It is hard to be exact, but I would project a group of at least ten people.

30. **Can you give more examples of the difference between the three tiers again?**
   Please refer to Appendix A for the menu of services for each of the three tiers.

31. **Can funds be used to acquire services for children that the family currently cannot afford such as Speech therapy or behavior therapy?**
   No.

32. **Strategies we are implementing requires acquiring new facility so in that case is it okay to use the funds to just do that?**
   No. The purpose of this grant is about delivering a comprehensive and community-wide approach to parenting interventions for all families. The applicant should leverage existing parenting interventions and design new strategies for implementation to achieve this goal. Priority will be given to communities that have some existence of parenting interventions.

33. **Will this power point be available to us?**
   If you missed it, the power point is in the handouts portion of the webinar. The webinar is recorded and will be available for viewing. We will post a link to the webinar and power point on our website.

34. **Who is scoring the applications?**
   An independent scoring panel will be convened to score the applications.