1. How do we know if our agency is eligible to apply for a Partnership Grant?
Read the page on "Funding Priorities" (page 5) and also the Partnership Grant write-ups (page 22-25) to determine where your proposed program best fits and will be most competitive.

2. What is the maximum an agency can allocate for evaluation costs in the proposed program budget?
Agencies should not allocate more than 5%-10% of the total annual budget request for evaluation activities.

3. In regard to the Parenting Program funding priority, does the strategy of providing resources for parents who adopt children include serving foster parents?
Yes.

4. Can I submit a proposal for each of the Partnership Grants program areas?
No, you may submit only one proposal for the Partnership Grants funding priority, choosing either the neighborhood-based school readiness or early childhood mental health focus.

5. If my agency is the lead in a collaboration, is the other agency eligible to apply for a grant?
Yes. However, We will only accept one application per lead organization, with the exception of Alameda County and City of Oakland which may submit one application per department.

6. If we are collaborating with another agency, does the lead agency need to attend a Mandatory Applicants' Conference?
Yes, the lead agency is required to attend a Mandatory Applicants' Conference.

7. Can I apply for a grant to continue a program funded by Every Child Counts during a previous grant cycle?
Yes. ECC requires that funds be used for program enhancement and/or expansion, but the program enhancement or expansion requirement initiates with the first year of ECC funding an organization receives. Thus, expansion and/or enhancement for continuing applicants is not required if the proposal is for a project that was previously funded.

8. On the application cover sheet, can you clarify whether you are asking for the number of staff and volunteers or the percent full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff and volunteers?
We are asking for the number of paid full-time, paid part-time and volunteer staff in your agency. (e.g. 22 full-time staff, 13 part-time staff and 55 volunteers)

9. Does ECC assist organizations in locating other sources of funding in addition to federal fiscal leveraging opportunities?
No, ECC does not have a current plan to assist organizations in locating other funding as we are limited by a finite amount of resources.

10. Does ECC have a philosophy on whether current grantees should apply for continuing funding of a program or if they should propose to start a new program?
ECC does not have a stated policy. ECC is sensitive to the disruption of services that would occur if a current program does not receive continued funding. We hope to see good services continue.

11. In regard to the organizational budget information requested, what budget period should be submitted?
It is your decision to submit either your agency's last complete or current incomplete organizational budget information.