



Dear TAP,

The South Carolina Early Care and Education Technical Assistance System began in 2006 and after certifying over one hundred Technical Assistance Providers (TAP), the Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) invited the stakeholder agencies to appoint a committee to review the original system document and make suggestions for a more effective system. TAP and other technical assistance providers and their employers throughout the state had an opportunity to give suggestions and provide feedback on possible revisions during 2008-2009. The writing team took all of the suggestions into consideration and proposed revisions to the system. The stakeholder committee, led by Leigh Bolick, DSS Child Care Services Director and Kim Aydlette, SC First Steps Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, approved the revisions. The new document is available for view on the Center for Child Care Career Development web site and will become effective on February 1, 2010. We hope you will become familiar with the new document.

There are significant changes to the types of certification available for technical assistance providers and the requirements for meeting those qualifications. The system now provides opportunities for potential TAP to meet these requirements in innovative ways that acknowledge the diverse backgrounds of the current technical assistance provider workforce and strengthens their core knowledge and experience. In order to have a coherent system, all current TAP are being reviewed and assigned a type of certification designated in the new system.

Please send CCCC CD any Early Childhood Education academic coursework you have completed since you applied for certification and an updated resume reflecting any new technical assistance experience. After documenting six hours of Early Childhood Education academic coursework, the new system allows for in-depth training of at least fifteen contact hours, to be applied to meet the education requirement for the Generalist I classification. Please see the attached chart and send certificates for any training that meets the guidelines. Training that has not already been approved, but meets the guidelines, may be submitted for evaluation.

The above changes are more fully explained in the revised document which is online at www.sc-cccd.net. Click the TAP logo in the upper right hand corner and it will take you to the TAP home page where the document is located. In March, you will receive a letter with your TAP Status according to the revised TAP document and any additional documentation received by March 1, 2010.

Best Regards,

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