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School Age Programs: It is time to apply for free support services from the Early Childhood Council!!

The Quality Support Team provides support to school age programs in child care centers and public schools. It is with enthusiasm and excitement that we invite everyone who works with school-age children to apply for support. The Early Childhood Council of Larimer County (ECCLC) is fortunate to be receiving Tony Grampsas Youth Services (TGYS) funding for work with ten (10) school age programs. These programs will be selected to participate in a comprehensive School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale (SACERS) project including:

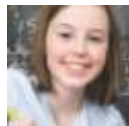
- Orientation to the SACERS process
- SACERS Rating
- Development of a quality improvement plan
- Consultations regarding quality improvement plan
- \$300 mini-grant/stipend to be used to meet recommendations as part of the quality improvement plan.
- A follow-up SACERS Rating

In addition to the SACERS project referred to above, assistance can come in many forms. We would like to hear from you regarding your needs and how we can best support you by building on strengths and working with you in areas that you may find challenging or for which you would appreciate and enjoy ECCLC support.

Our application is attached. You may submit your application at anytime, but those received by Aug. 19th will receive priority. Previous participants may apply. For more information please visit our website at www.ecclc.org or contact Lisa Sadar, Quality Support Team Coordinator at (970) 377-3388, extension 224 or lsadar@ecclc.com for more information. Our team looks forward to hearing from you soon. Your application will help us plan and prepare for our work for the 2011-2012 year.

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School Age Care Application

Program Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Position: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Classrooms: _____ Total Number of Children Enrolled (Not slots): _____

License Number: _____ License Capacity: _____

Number of years this program has been in business: _____

Type of Program: Center School Age

Classroom Name	Age Group	Number of Slots	Number Enrolled

Ten school-age programs will be selected to participate in a comprehensive project including the steps listed below. Applications submitted will be screened for need and commitment to this project. Previous applicants may apply.

- An orientation to the SACERS process
- A formal SACERS Rating
- Development of a quality improvement plan
- Consultations regarding quality improvement plan
- Receiving up to a \$300 mini-grant/stipend to be used to meet recommendations as part of the quality improvement plan.
- A follow-up SACERS Rating

Is your program interested in participating in the SACERS Rating Project as described above?

Please circle one: YES NO, I need assistance as identified below.

Please circle/list the topics your center/staff are interested in addressing with the Quality Support Coach:

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| • Classroom environment | • Transitions | • Health and safety |
| • Materials | • Scheduling | • Curriculum |
| • Room Arrangement | • Professional development | • Interactions |
| • Teaching social/emotional skills | • Observation | • Guidance/challenging behaviors |
| • Staff file management | • Family Partnerships | • SACERS Rating |

Other? _____

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