

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

### DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND TOOLS:

**SACERS:** an assessment tool that looks at the environment in school age child care settings. Areas of focus include: space and furnishings, health and safety, activities, interactions, program structure and staff development.

**E-CARE:** is a tool used by the primary caregiver to plan smooth transitions for children entering a new program or transitioning within a program. Our support includes training, supplying needed forms, and guiding staff through the process of assessing children related to transitions.

**PYRAMID:** This training will provide ways to promote the social and emotional development of young children as a means of preventing challenging behaviors. This training will help you understand the dynamics of a classroom and help you identify what you can do differently to minimize challenging behaviors. A classroom assessment tool will be shared as part of this training. The Pyramid model is the early childhood version of the Positive Behavior Support Model (PBS) used by each school district in Larimer County and was developed by the Center for Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning.

**CLASSROOM PLANNING:** Come learn ways to plan developmentally appropriate curricula that:

- Builds on children's and teacher's strengths
- Meets standards
- Provides a balance of experiences
- Balance active/quiet opportunities
- Balance child-initiated/teacher directed activities
- Offer individual/small group/large