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Great Early Childhood Teachers

North Carolina is home to thousands of certified early childhood teachers. Great early childhood teachers work all across our state with tens of thousands of children in early care and school age settings. Workforce supports including scholarships, salary supplements, on-site technical assistance and quality improvement efforts supported by Smart Start and other state resources increase the potential that children will benefit from a great teacher.

Great early childhood teachers yield great returns:

- ☆ Children who participate in strong early childhood programs with great teachers do better in school and life.
- ☆ Parents are able to work and be more productive at work when they know their children are with great teachers.
- ☆ Taxpayers see a significant benefit from their investment in great early childhood teachers.



Early Educator Certification (EEC)

EEC is a professional certification issued by the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals. EEC is required by the North Carolina Division of Child Development for all staff working with children in regulated child care facilities. All new hires must apply within 60 days of beginning employment. All existing hires have until July 1, 2012 to secure certification.

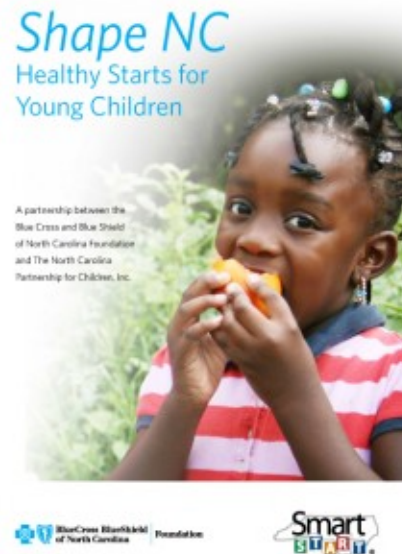
<http://ncicdp.org>

New EEC Reward! The NC Early Childhood Association is offering one year free membership to all certified Early Educators. Benefits included reduced training costs, free legislative alerts and more! For membership information: <http://www.ncearlychildhoodassoc.com>

What's New on DCD?

Important Information for Subsidized Child Care Providers. North Carolina will soon begin using **SEEK**, a new attendance reporting and payment delivery system for parents and child care providers. A flyer that has information about how **SEEK** will work and how to get ready for it is available on the North Carolina Division of Child Development's website. For more information about **SEEK** visit:

<http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/general/whatsnew.asp>



What is Shape NC?

Through a partnership with The Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation and The North Carolina Partnership for Children local Smart Start Partnerships will be working with child care providers to ensure that children attending child care programs are served nutritious foods, engaged in physical activity and connected to the natural world through thoughtfully designed outdoor learning environments. For more information visit:

<http://hugh.ncsmartstart.org/category/shape-nc>.

Challenging Behaviors: Where to Begin?

Louise B. Biller & Associates provide technical assistance and training to child care providers that address challenging physical, social/emotional, and/or behavior needs. To schedule technical assistance/training in your child care facility call (910)347-7994.