Application Instructions

Additional Room For Answers
If you need additional room to answer any of the questions, please feel free to attach a sheet of paper.

Letter of Reference
Please attach a letter of reference. The letter can be from any of the following:

- A parent whose child you care for
- Another child care provider
- A friend or acquaintance

Registration Status
Be aware that Child Care Services will contact your licensing social worker for current status of your registration. Only child care providers in good standing, not involved in any negative actions will be considered as child care mentors.

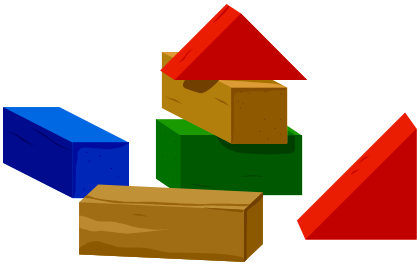
Training Required
If you are selected as a mentor, you will be required to attend a two-day training in Pierre, September 22 & 23, 2006. Motel rooms and most meals will be provided at no charge. You will be reimbursed for travel expenses, substitute care (if required), and any meals not provided at the training. This training is mandatory. If you are not able to attend, please do not apply to become a mentor.

Telephone Interviews
Telephone interviews with possible mentors will be conducted before selection. If you are selected for an interview, you will be contacted to set up a date and time that is convenient for you. If it is found that you do not meet criteria to become a mentor, you will be notified in writing.

Questions or Concerns
If you have any questions about any part of this application, please contact Jacque Johnson at 1-800-227-3020 ext 6434 or 773-6434.

Please complete and return this application by August 31, 2006 to:

Child Care Services
Attn: Jacque Johnson
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501



The Building Blocks Child Care Mentor Program

Mentor Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Social Security Number (for reimbursement purposes): _____-_____-_____

Year registered as a child care provider: _____

Total years in child care: _____

1. Explain how you feel about child care as a profession:

2. Describe your strengths and talents.

3. What does high quality child care mean to you?

4. Why are you interested in becoming a mentor?

5. Describe any formal education you have:

6. Give a brief run-down of the training you have received in the past 3 years:

7. Are you involved with your local Early Childhood Enrichment site?
(Rapid City Early Childhood Connections; Pierre Area Referral; Aberdeen Early Childhood Partners; Brookings Family Resource Network; Sioux Falls CHILD Services)

Please explain:

8. Are you a member of any professional organizations? Please list:

9. What “one piece of advise” do you wish someone had given you when you first began providing child care?

Distance you are willing to travel to mentor new providers: _____ miles

Number of hours per month you would be able to mentor: _____ hours

I declare and affirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided herein is true and correct.

_____ _____

Applicant’s Signature Date

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