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Dear Child Care Provider:

Early last summer, Governor Mike Rounds announced the availability of a new scholarship opportunity for registered family child care providers, group family child care providers, and child care centers providing care for infants and toddlers. Many child care providers have participated in the various class offerings available throughout the few months and we would like to announce the new class schedule for summer. Attached is a summary of the dates and locations for qualifying classes scheduled from June to August 2010, and a flyer with additional details. To register or for further information, please contact the Early Childhood Enrichment program nearest you.

The scholarship funds are available to help offset participation costs such as travel and staff time for child care providers who attend training relating specifically to infant-toddler care. Registered family child care providers and licensed child care programs sending staff for training, can receive \$15 per hour, per participant, for every hour spent in class.

This opportunity has been brought to you as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. One target area of the funding is to support activities that improve care for infants and toddlers in the child care setting. Scholarships continue to be offered because staff training is one method that can help to improve the quality of care provided.

Alert: This is your last opportunity to receive scholarship funds for infant and toddler training. The final classes will be held in August 2010 and all scholarships will be paid by September 30, 2010.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to receive training for you and/or your staff specific to the care of infants and toddlers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia Monson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia Monson
Division Director