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TO: Alabama Early Childhood Educators

FROM: Jeana Ross, Secretary of Early Childhood Education

RE: Funding Opportunity Announcement for PITC National Credential

The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education (“DECE”) is pleased to announce a statewide hosting for those interested in completing the Train the Trainer Institute’s Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC). Once a PITC-credentialed graduate, an applicant will be qualified to train and support those working with infants and toddlers. The PITC dates will be September 15-20, 2019 and February 2-7, 2020 to be announced. Attending both weeks and completing the assignments are required to attain the trainer certification.

The Program for Infant and Toddler Care sessions are conducted jointly by the California Department of Education, Early Learning and Care Division, and WestEd’s Center for Child & Family Studies. PITC follows an approach that is responsive to what the infants and toddlers and their families bring to care and emphasizes relationship-based implementation strategies. The positions advocated by PITC are based on sound child development and family research. The goal of PITC is to help infant/toddler care teachers recognize the crucial importance of giving tender loving care and assisting in the infants’ intellectual development through an attentive reading of each child’s cues. Training activities include sessions with leading experts in infant development and care, and faculty from the California Department of Education Early Learning and Care Division, and WestEd Center for Child and Family Studies. In addition to covering major content areas, each Trainer Institute focuses on adult learning and teaching strategies.

The application will contain all regulatory requirements and a timeline of related expectations. Completed applications must be submitted using the online application no later than August 21, 2019, by 5:00 PM.

Please direct all inquiries by email to Tammy Gibson at tammy.gibson@ece.alabama.gov.

The application is available at: <http://www.grantinterface.com/sl/I7oIam>

To apply for the attendance to the PITC Trainer Institute, applicants must:

- Be accepted into the PITC Academy, attend two one-week sessions in September 2019 and February 2020, complete the requirements of each module, and attain certification. This process should be finished in one year, but applicants will be allowed two years to complete the requirements.
- Dates: September 15-20, 2019 Renaissance Hotel, Montgomery Alabama and February 2-7, 2020 location to be determined
- Provide documentation to DECE on the progress of this work: for example, certificates of attendance and completion for each module, as well as the graduate certificate.

Cc: Jeana Ross, Secretary of Early Childhood Education
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