



Dear Director,

Allow me to introduce the New Jersey First Steps Infant /Toddler Initiative funded by the New Jersey Department of Human Resources, Division of Family Development. The New Jersey First Steps Infant /Toddler Initiative was created to assist early educators, infant/toddler Caregivers and Family Child Providers in enhancing their quality care for New Jersey's youngest citizens.

Infant/Toddler Specialists and consultants will provide

- Professional development,
- Technical assistance consultation services,
- On-site observations using the Infant Toddler Environmental Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-3) **or** Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) assessment,
- Development of a Plan of Action (POA)
- Access to a lending library

They will serve as mentors and will provide resources to new and experienced infant/toddler providers. Consultation services are provided to infant/toddler programs on-site and by telephone. The New Jersey First Steps Infant Toddler Initiative Program is offered **at no cost to you**, however, to receive the assessment and participate in mentoring and on-site services you must have and Infant Toddler License and staff participation in the Infant Toddler Training Series.

We will be providing FREE trainings to all Infant and Toddler Caregivers, Directors, and Family Childcare Providers using the Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers (PITC) curriculum. To register for classes, apply for the program or to receive more information please return the enclosed application to Carmela McCleary, 111 Howard Boulevard Suite 104 Mount Arlington, NJ 07856, or fax to 973-398-0319 and you will be contacted to arrange a "Meet-N-Greet".

We look forward to Meeting with you to enhance the quality of your infant/toddler program.

Thank you,  
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