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Dear Level B Provider:

We are delighted to report the successful completion of the second year of the ABC Bonus Award Program and our plan to continue awarding bonuses into the 2009-2010 year! Many of you achieved higher BB performance awards this year and we hope that you will continue to “Grow Your Quality with ABC” during the coming year. Please remember, all bonus awards are contingent upon passing the Level B standards for all enrolled age groups with a minimum score of 80% and meeting the staff-child ratios as defined by the South Carolina Child Care Regulations (Section 114-504: Supervision) on the day of the review.

In an effort to ensure consistency with the South Carolina Child Care Regulations, we recently completed a revision to the ABC Level B Mandatory Standards. These revisions will be implemented for the coming review year which begins November 15, 2009. A copy of the revised Introduction and Part I is attached. The classroom observation sections for 0-2 year olds, 3-5 year olds, and 6-12 year olds will not change. The revised standards may also be accessed on our ABC website.

We hope that you will use the enclosed, revised copy of the ABC Level B Mandatory Standards as a reference guide. Careful attention to these standards can help you to meet the criteria required to be eligible for the higher bonus awards at the BB performance level. You should keep these Standards on hand to assist you in analyzing your program’s performance and identifying your program’s strengths and areas for potential growth.

In the near future, we will be offering an ABC Orientation. This training will be required for all new enrollees in the ABC Program at Level B or higher. In addition, the orientation is an excellent review for existing Level B providers. Consider attending this certified training to help your program learn how to improve your Level B score.

Look forward to upcoming grant, training and scholarship opportunities. Check out our website in the coming months for information. If you would like to be added to our email list to receive reminders about ABC updates, please email us at Elaine.justice@dss.sc.gov . If you have questions regarding the changes in the ABC Level B Mandatory Standards, please call our office at 800-763-ABCD.

Thank you for being a part of the ABC Child Care Program and caring for South Carolina’s children!

Sincerely,

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