



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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Dear SCHOLARSHIPS and/or INCENTIVES Recipient:

This letter is to notify you of some *exciting, positive changes* to the SCHOLARSHIPS and INCENTIVES programs effective July 1, 2006. Congratulations on participating in one or both of these programs; your involvement clearly reveals your commitment to early care and education and to the children in your care.

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning is now administering SCHOLARSHIPS and INCENTIVES, in collaboration with Smart Start Georgia. Bright from the Start is committed to continuing these important programs and to supporting your professional growth in early childhood care and education.

Bright from the Start has been working with an advisory group made up of child care providers like yourself, educators, and program staff to help us review these two programs. As a result, enhancements are being made to encourage and reward you for continuing to advance your educational credentials.

Our goal is *top quality care* for all of Georgia's youngest children and their families, and well-prepared teachers are crucial to high quality care. The key changes to these programs are summarized on the enclosed chart.

If you have any questions or concerns about these changes or about INCENTIVES or SCHOLARSHIPS, contact Georgia Thomas or Jane Brown at Care Solutions, Inc. at 1-800-227-3410 or at georgiathomas@caresolutions.com or janebrown@caresolutions.com.

Thank you for your continued commitment to early care and learning and to providing quality care for children and their families in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Marsha H. Moore
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