

Name of Group: Quality Services and Programs

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Responsibility of Group:

- To expand early learning environments and opportunities, with attention to those meeting a minimum desired level of quality
- To create and maintain links with entities that support the development and improvement of services at a local, state and regional level
- To incorporate evidence-based knowledge for early care and education, family support programs, health services and other programs and services that serve young children and their families

Current Activities:

- Providing technical assistance and education to family support and parent education providers and Community Empowerment Areas on the Evidence-based practice and the FS Credentialing process
- Family Support – Credentialing process; outcome workgroup; professional development workgroup
- Central Intake Process for FS
- Development of a workgroup to focus on health and safety of early learning environments.

Past Accomplishments:

- Family Support definition
- Evidence-based Assessment Tool
- Evidence-based Workbook for FS providers
- Healthy Mental Development Issue Brief
- Child Care Nurse Consultant Issue Brief
- Dental Health Issue Brief
- Family Support Issue Brief
- Nutrition and Physical Fitness Issue Brief
- Medical Home Issue Brief
- Child Care Issue Brief
- School Ready document
- Collaboration Issue Brief

Future Plans:

- Develop public awareness materials for Family Support Credentialing
- Researching the Early Development Instrument