

**Name of Group: Quality Services and Programs**

**Date: September 11, 2007**

**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 Assessment Tool
- Getting School Ready brochure
- Child Care Registration Issue Brief
- Discussion on Infant Mental Health Certification and how Iowa can get involved
- Family Support – Peer Review, Standards, Core Competencies

**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

**Future Plans:**

- Professional Development