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Getting children ready for school.

STIMULUS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS



**Executive Director and
Technical Assistant Webinar**

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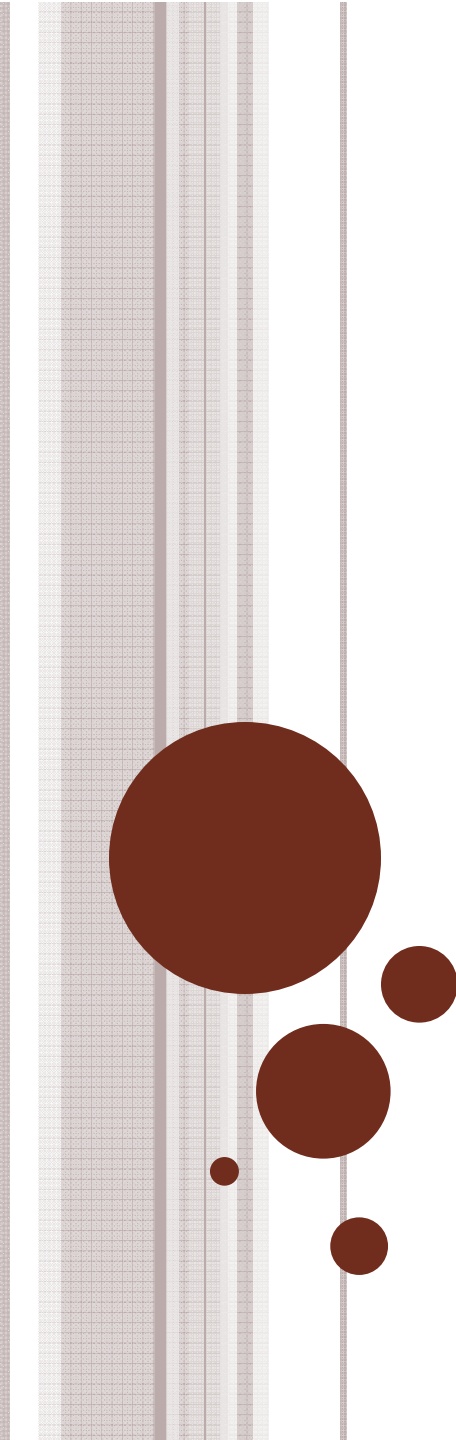


ARRA CHILD CARE GRANTS

This project is a collaboration of:

- **USC Child Development Research Center**
 - Herman Knopf and Kerrie Welsh
- **SC ABC Child Care Program**
 - Noelle McInerney





ARRA STIMULUS INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT CHILD CARE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

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OVERVIEW

- ARRA Stimulus Funds to Support Child Care Quality Enhancement
 - Funded by ACF through SCDSS
 - Support for programs enrolled in ABC Quality Program
 - Timeline:
 - Funding allocated by September 2010
 - Funding spent by September 2011

- 2 different initiatives to support quality enhancement
 - iCare Child Care Management Software
 - Classroom Materials Grant



ICARE CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

- Grant program designed to support child care program management and financial sustainability.
- iCare: Comprehensive management software:
 - Real Time child/staff attendance tracking
 - Child Health records
 - Staff Records
 - Account Billing
 - Payroll



ICARE GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Eligible Programs:
 - Participating in ABC Quality Program
- Programs are eligible to receive:
 - Child Care Management Software
 - Desktop Computer
 - Internet Subsidy for up to 12 months



ICARE APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Section I: Program Information**
- **Section II: Statement of Need**
- **Section III: Program Director Agreement**
- **Section IV: Staff Survey of Technology Skills**

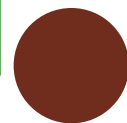
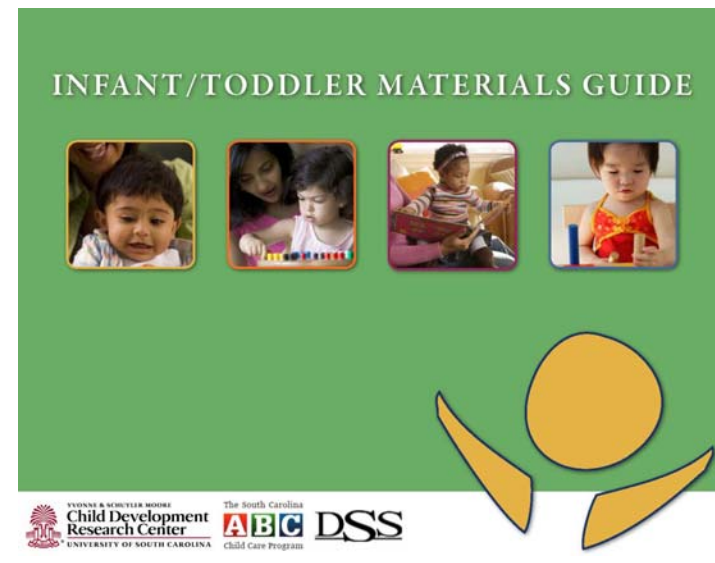
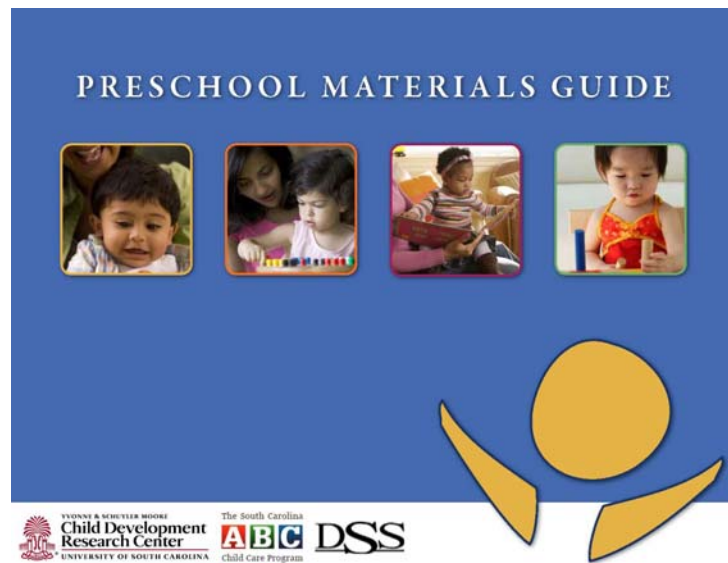
- iCARE APPLICATION

- Staff Survey of Technology Skills



CLASSROOM MATERIALS GRANT

- The purpose of this initiative is to support child care classroom quality improvement through the provision of high quality materials and equipment
- Classroom materials guides (recently revised):



CLASSROOM MATERIALS GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Eligible Programs:
 - Participating ABC Programs: Level B and above
 - Child Care Centers: \$7,500
 - Group Child Care Homes : \$1,500
 - Family Child Care Homes \$750

- Vendors selected through competitive bid process:
 - Lakeshore
 - Kaplan
 - Environments



CLASSROOM MATERIALS GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

- Pre-application
- Attend 2.5 hour Training:
 - *Making the Right Choice: Guidelines for selecting classroom materials to increase program quality*
- Provider submits application
 - Materials request with justification
- Review application/provide feedback as needed
- Recommend program for grant award
- Funding applied through SVL payment system



ACCOUNTABILITY

- iCare:
 - Invoicing from iCare
 - ABC Monitor observation
 - Use of online SVL

- Classroom Materials Grant:
 - CDRC submits approved purchase order to vendor
 - Vendor submits zero balance invoice to CDRC
 - ABC Monitor observation



UPCOMING TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SESSIONS

- January 15th, 2010: Cancelled due to under enrollment
- February 5, 2010: USC Columbia 1:00pm-3:00pm
- February 9, 2010: 3150 Harden St. Extension, 3rd Fl.
Conference Rm.
1:00pm-3:00pm
- Trainer Requirements:
 - CCCCD Certified: Curriculum or All
 - Willing to commit to deliver at least 2 trainings before September 2010.
- We will supply all training materials including CCCCD Roster for participants
- We will handle all logistics planning for each training

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FIRST STEPS' SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT GRANTS

- ❖ Will be released January 25, 2010
- ❖ All County Partnerships are eligible
- ❖ Made possible by one-time DSS ARRA grant and SC FS private funds
- ❖ Require local match and two year commitment
- ❖ Serve a minimum of 5 children with 2 or more risk factors
- ❖ Require integrated services for families, and providers must meet program quality standards
- ❖ Require child assessment

