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Dear Ms. Dorris:

We support the proposed amendments raising the bar for training requirements for child care facilities in Pennsylvania in Regulation No. 14-519.

The education and training of child care teachers impacts the health and safety of children in the classroom.

We support the proposed gradual increases to align Pennsylvania training requirements with national best practices. We agree that these strategies will support the health and safety of children in child care and help accelerate the state's academic gains to deliver on the commitment that all children in the commonwealth have access to an education that prepares them to be productive citizens and to succeed in a high-skills globally-competitive, knowledge-based economy.

The proposed orientation training is essential. We also support the core topics that promote healthy and safe care.

We are committed to supporting the state's efforts in this area. We believe that these proposed amendments will support Pennsylvania growing position as a leader in education and prepare every commonwealth student for success. The low number of required training hours currently has allowed many programs to lag behind. We have the infrastructure to support the proposed requirements and we urge you to move ahead now.

Sincerely,

Michele Fina

Michele Fina, President

Pat Müller

Pat Müller, Coordinator