



NEWS from the DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKFORCE EDUCATION UNIT

APRIL 1, 2011

MEETING EARLY EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The law for G.S. 110-91.8a now requires an individual to apply within 60 days for Early Educator Certification (EEC) if their date of hire in a licensed child care facility is on or after October 1, 2010.

In order for an individual to receive their Early Educator Certification, they will need to submit both the EEC application and their official transcript(s) to the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals (the Institute).

The following procedures will be implemented by the Division of Child Development, Workforce Education Unit (Workforce) in support of the above law:

- All paperwork received by Workforce through March 31, 2011, that indicates an individual's date of hire is on or after October 1, 2010, **will be evaluated by Workforce for education assessment**. The official transcript will be then be returned to the individual along with an EEC application for submission to the Institute.
- All paperwork received by Workforce on or after April 1, 2011, that indicates an individual's date of hire is on or after October 1, 2010, **will not be evaluated by Workforce for education assessment**. The official transcript will be returned to the individual along with an EEC application for submission to the Institute. The individual's education will not be assessed by Workforce until the data from the results of their educational assessment are received from the Institute.

Note: If you have already received an education assessment for the paperwork you submitted to Workforce, the above procedures will not apply and you will not receive an EEC application or the return of your official transcript from Workforce.

The above procedures will also not be implemented for individuals who apply to be qualified as a Child Care Administrator. Administrators are not required to apply for Early Educator Certification until July 1, 2012.

★ Questions about Early Educator Certification requirements? Contact the Institute at 919-942-7442, email info@nceec.org or go to the website at www.ncicdp.org

★ Questions about the Division of Child Development education requirements? Contact the Workforce Education Unit at 1-800-859-0829 or 919-662-4567 or go to the website at www.ncchildcare.net