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ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Joining Together for Quality Early Care and Education

Donations/Sponsorship/Specific Programs

Benefits to donors/businesses:

- *You will support your employees by increasing the quality of child care and education in Idaho.*
- *Employee absences decrease when their children are in quality child care settings.*
- *You will increase the quality of the future workforce in Idaho by impacting the quality of early care and education which is proven to increase high school graduation, decrease special education costs in school, increase tax paying citizens,*
- *Quality early care and education is a strong recruiting factor for employees to your business.*
- *Quality early care and education is a strong recruiting factor to bring new businesses to Idaho.*
- *Your business will receive recognition in publications, website and news release.*

Idaho AEYC has been providing scholarships and professional development to child care providers since 1998 with support from large and small grants developing a strong history of integrity, awarding over \$4,023,331 in individual scholarship to 5235 people working in the child care and early education field.

Any one can donate to Idaho AEYC!

- You can [donate unrestricted funds](#) to support Idaho AEYC operations and that may include fundraising, public awareness efforts, public education campaigns, volunteer coordination, research or publishing or a business summit.
- You can support the IdahoSTARS project that includes academic scholarships, mentoring, training scholarships, Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and other program improvement programs and grant opportunities. You can increase the quality of all early care and education programs and improve outcomes for children in our state.
 1. [Support scholarships](#) for a specific number of child care providers to attend college toward a child development degree, (Child Development Associate credential – CDA, associate or bachelor programs at colleges and universities throughout Idaho). Academic scholarships pay 100% of tuition and scholarship recipients pay 100% of book costs. The child care program where they work pays for 8 hours of release time each month during the three semester scholarship, and includes a 2% raise following completion of each scholarship contract. Students must be employed in a child care or early education setting at least one year prior to being eligible for an academic scholarship. Each student scholarship costs an **average of \$1500/per three semester contract**. You are invited to support as many students as you choose! A business could choose to provide scholarships for the child care providers who care for their employee's children – supporting your

workforce and likely decreasing the number of absences by employees because of problems with child care.

2. Support the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) that assesses child care facilities upon their request, resulting in a STAR rating similar to restaurants or movies ratings. This rating assists parents in identifying high quality child care facilities when they seek child care. The Quality Rating and Improvement System includes:
 - a national, research-based facility assessment, (***\$250 each***)
 - mentor/coaching for staff to support recommended program improvements, (average ***\$500/ten visits***)
 - Strengthening Families *through early care and education* curriculum training that helps child care providers encourage parent involvement in their child/ren's education and care while acting as a resource to families who utilize the facility's services. (average ***\$225 per 9 modules of Strengthening Families training***)
 - Facility improvement grants for capital expenses such as a fence by a canal, approved fall zone cushioning material for playgrounds, expenditures to make buildings and premises safer, escape windows etc. (average ***\$2,000 each***)
 - Program improvement grants for curriculum, developmentally appropriate equipment and materials etc. (average ***\$1,500 each***)
 - Scholarships to increase staff skills and training based on strong research that more highly trained and educated staff result in better outcomes for young children as they enter school and throughout life. (***\$500 - \$1500 per facility***)
 - Total cost per facility varies based on number of staff and children served.
3. Support Training and course development – child care health consultant and mentoring on-line courses require support to keep courses updated and pay for instructors to teach the on-line courses. Other curriculum needed to maintain the reliability of environment assessors is being developed and will require instructors and platform to ensure credibility of the Quality Rating and Improvement System. (***\$3000/course***)
4. Support Mentoring services for child care providers by qualified Mentor/Coaches:
 - Apprenticeship in early care and education (***\$4160/2 year apprenticeship*** – up to 4000 hours of on-the-job training that results in a national U.S. Dept. of Labor Apprenticeship certificate)
 - Individual projects such as mentoring on policy development for child care facilities, playground safety assessment and improvement, business plan development, business practices for small businesses, environment enhancement in child care facilities, (average ***\$400/topic***)
5. Support Child Care Health Consultants who help child care providers maintain healthy and safe environments for children. Facilities can utilize child care health consultants for support with immunizations, inclusion of children with special needs, assistance to parents accessing screening for developmental delays or social emotional concerns, helping families in child care facilities find insurance options, training and information on sanitation including diapering, hand washing and food safety, (***\$120/per consultation***)

6. Support Accreditation fees, training and program improvements – many programs seek accreditation through national standards to assure parents that they meet the highest criteria for quality as a marketing and best practice strategy. It is expensive to apply for and complete the accreditation process. Idaho AEYC will establish a fund to support accreditation when programs choose to seek the highest level of quality, (*\$1000/facility*)
7. Support Facility capital improvement grants – provide grants through application process for child care facilities who wish to improve the safety and quality of their facility and environment for children based on the national standards identified in the Environment Rating Scales, including doors and windows for safe exits, playground safety materials, sprinkler systems, handicapped access, fencing, building improvement; (*\$3000 each*)

THANK YOU!