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To whom it may concern,

NACCRRA, the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, is committed to promoting partnerships to advance the development of and learning for all children.

We are excited about our recent partnership with *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors*. NACCRRA staff participated in a three-day *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* Facilitator Institute. *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* emphasizes that parents are their child's first teachers and homes are a child's first school. Engaging families is a key focus for NACCRRA. *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* is a comprehensive, evidence-based training program for families with young children based on Popular Education.

The training was designed for use with Latino families; however the fundamentals of the training are relevant to all families without regard to culture. All families can benefit from the information provided to attendees, beginning with child development and progressing to becoming an advocate for their child. Families leave *Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors* with knowledge and confidence that prepares them to be able to navigate the resources within their community on behalf of their family.

The NACCRRA staff members who took the training were not Spanish speakers. The facilitators were flexible and tweaked the training ever slightly to include them without losing the integrity or focus of the model. The Institute was a quality professional development and training experience. Because of the inclusive attitude of the facilitators, the environment was safe, while remaining fun and is an extraordinary resource for all individuals working with families.

Sincerely,



Ollie M. Smith
Interim Executive Director