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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to ask for your help with an important study called the National Survey of Early Care and Education (NSECE). YMCA of the USA endorses this study because the NSECE will provide much-needed information about all segments of the early care and education (ECE) community including family child care and the individuals who work directly with children in the classroom.

The NSECE was first conducted in 2012 to create the first national profile of early care and education use and availability in more than 20 years. NORC at the University of Chicago conducted the NSECE a second time in 2019. Across both efforts, NORC has spoken with more than 14,000 providers and 20,000 families. NORC is now collecting new information to better understand ECE and to learn how recent policy and program changes and the COVID-19 pandemic may have affected center-based providers like you. The 2024 NSECE will be used to:

- Document the types of providers available to families, how many providers there are, and the types of programs offered.
- Learn how effective professional development initiatives and programs have been in helping to maintain a stable staff to work with children.
- Better understand families' needs and preferences for care and describe how well the available supply of ECE supports them.

Your program has been selected for participation in this study from a list of providers in your area based on geographic and program criteria. It is important for every selected provider to participate so that the 2024 NSECE provides an accurate picture of the availability of early care and education services across the country.

NORC at the University of Chicago is conducting this study on behalf of the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Information you provide will be kept private and used solely for the purposes of this study. Information that could identify you or your organization will never be released to the public.

Please participate in the 2024 NSECE. Your responses will help inform how public funds are spent to subsidize early care and education of young children and to support related services.

More information about this study is available at <http://nsece.norc.org>.

Sincerely,

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