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Dear Child Care Provider:

As you are aware, revised child-care licensing regulations became effective on June 30, 2010. This letter serves to remind you, a new child care program with a 2-STAR Provisional license, of provisions of the regulations that apply specifically to your licensing status.

Paragraph 8.16.2.11 A (4) of the Child Care Licensing Regulations reads: "Programs licensed and receiving child care subsidy after these regulations are promulgated will be given a provisional 2-star license for up to three months, pending observation by the licensing authority of the interactions between teachers and children in the classrooms."

We encourage you to read this and all other related sections of the regulations carefully. Because there are some regulations that cannot be met prior to serving children, you have been given three months after opening to meet all 2-STAR regulations. Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) staff are partnering with Child Care Licensing to verify compliance with these regulations.

Your local Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) and child care licensing staff are willing to help you meet the requirements of the child care licensing regulations. Because your TTAP and licensing staff have limited resources, and because it may take time to prepare for your 2-STAR license, we encourage you to begin this process as soon as possible.

As always, we appreciate your service to the children and families of New Mexico. Please contact your local TTAP, Child Care Licensing office, or Mr. Mohammed Hussein, Child Care Services Bureau Chief, if you have any questions.

Contact information for your local TTAP and local Child Care Licensing Office can be found at NewMexicoKids.org ([http://newmexicokids.org/content/caregivers and educators/becoming a childcare provider in NM/docs/Child Care Services Contact Information.20110418.pdf](http://newmexicokids.org/content/caregivers_and_educators/becoming_a_childcare_provider_in_NM/docs/Child_Care_Services_Contact_Information.20110418.pdf)).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mohammed Hussien".

Mohammed Hussien
Child Care Services Bureau Chief