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Dear Colleagues:

The Child Care Bureau is pleased to announce the release of the sixth edition of the *Child Care and Development Fund Report of State and Territory Plans FY 2008–2009*. This Summary Report presents information from the approved biennial plans submitted by States and Territories for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009. It includes a profile of each State and Territory as well as summary Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) data from all Lead Agencies. The profiles give the reader a broad overview of the characteristics common to most CCDF programs, and can be used to identify similarities and differences among programs administered by the States and Territories. These are supplemented by the summary information in the body of the Report which reflects a more concentrated view of strategies currently being employed to support access for low-income working families to affordable, high-quality child care.

This edition also provides new information about Lead Agency efforts to help develop emergency preparedness plans for early care and after-school child care programs, information about the evaluation of quality activities and assessment of professional development plans, new data about the application process for families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and how Lead Agencies are helping to meet the needs of parents and providers who are English language learners. Collectively, these various 'snapshots' present a full picture of the range of child care services provided by CCDF programs nationwide. This information should be useful to policy-makers, legislators, parents and service-providers, and others interested in child care.

The Child Care Bureau greatly appreciates the dedication of CCDF Lead Agencies in supporting low-income working families by promoting access to affordable, quality early care and after-school programs. We look forward to continuing to work with States and Territories as they implement their latest strategies for delivering effective high-quality child care programs to meet the needs of children and families.

Sincerely,

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