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**Every Child / Every Year**

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**Dear Early Care and Education Providers,**

The goal of Child Outreach is to provide screening for every 3, 4, and 5 year old Rhode Island child, every year prior to kindergarten. Child Outreach Screening is provided statewide by local school districts at no cost in areas of vision, hearing, speech/language, social/emotional and general development. Families are provided with information about their child's development, as well as community resources. Screening can help to identify children who may need further evaluation, intervention and/or services in order to prevent the occurrence of more severe problems later.

It is essential for early care and education programs and public school districts to work closely together to ensure that all children are ready for success upon entering kindergarten. Participation in Child Outreach Screening is encouraged by the Department of Children, Youth and Families and is recognized as an indicator of quality in BrightStars, RI's Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System, as well as the Department of Education's Comprehensive Early Childhood Program Standards for Approval. Child Outreach Coordinators will provide a summary of children's screening results to you, with permission from families. While establishing a collaborative relationship between families, early care and education programs and school is important for all children, it is critical for young children who are at risk for developmental and educational challenges.

We are enlisting your help in achieving the goals of Child Outreach. The listing of the Child Outreach Coordinators for each school district in Rhode Island is listed in the column to the left. You are encouraged to contact the Child Outreach Coordinator in your local school district to schedule screenings and for additional information or materials, such as the brochures, posters or scheduled screenings throughout the community.

Thank you for your consideration of Child Outreach Screening for the young children in your care.

Sincerely,

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and Local School Districts

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