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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may see a new person in your child's child care setting over the next few months because your program is participating in coaching with the Center for Inclusive Child Care (CICC). CICC provides support to child care programs throughout Minnesota including professional development through coaching, modeling, and resource connections. Coaching is focused on topics related to inclusion, health and safety and infant and toddler programming.

The Early Childhood Coach has training and expertise in child development and is equipped to support programs in improving program quality with responsive and effective support to educators. The Coach promotes successful inclusion and retention of children with special needs or challenging behaviors. Coaching also helps programs create and model safe and healthy environments for children, staff, and families. Throughout the relationship-based support the Coach will spend time observing and interacting with children and educators both in-person and through virtual means, such as livestreaming or recorded video.

There are times when an educator may want help in thinking about how best to meet the needs of a specific child. In this situation, the child's family will be informed and written permission will be requested from the family prior to any child specific consultation or observation. The goal of coaching is to help meet both the challenges and the goals of the educator to improve quality of care.

If you have further questions about the service we provide and how it will be implemented in your child's program please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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