

I have been working with my local Early Childhood Programs to provide early learning opportunities to preschool children for 11 years. I have witnessed all of the changes that have occurred over the years. Personally, I have been able to work with the changes that I have faced. What concerns me is the effect this will have on the registered providers that do not have the teaching qualifications required. You have child care providers that have been in the field for years and have taken training's on child development, challenging behaviors, curriculum development and teaching and assessing young children who have 4 STARS, which indicates they are a quality program, yet they can't collaborate with school districts because they will be required to have their qualified teacher in their program for the 10 hours they provide preschool opportunities.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Tami Dodge