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## Local Early Childhood Programs Selected to Become Model Sites Promoting the Learning Outcomes of All Young Children

**WHAT:** The \_\_\_\_\_\_early childhood program has been selected to become a state demonstration site for the implementation of evidence-based practices to support the learning of children with special needs.

**WHY:** (Program name) is committed to providing a high-quality program to all young children between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ years. Participation in this effort provides early educators with the knowledge and tools needed to promote the school readiness of all children, including children who have disabilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ programs were competitively selected to participate in this effort provided by the \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Education). The programs are:

(List programs)

The (Program name) was selected because of its commitment to ensuring the success of every child, its history of providing a high-quality early education program, and its readiness to become a model program. (Insert quote of interest here from state or program administrator)

These programs will receive intensive training and technical assistance that will lead to establishing the program as a model for similar programs in the state. Research on the implementation of evidence-based practices has validated the effectiveness of this approach for enhancing the learning outcomes for children who have special needs.

This approach holds great promise for providing effective early intervention that helps children with the foundations needed for school readiness.

As a model program, the (program name) will be training teachers, working with families, and implementing this model program-wide. This effort will be guided by a program leadership team who will use data-based decision-making to make sure that the learning needs of all children in the program can be met.

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(List information about your program here)

(Provide your program name, address, contact information, and web site address)

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