

Hi Carla,

It was nice to see you this morning at the legislative update.

I wanted to take a minute to let you know what great work your staff have done in providing training to the preschool teachers at Ready, Set, Grow. Kelsey Solo recently provided a literacy based curriculum training, which was offered at no cost to us due to the United Way grant. The children's books received through that training will benefit up to 30 children ages 3-5 years, as the teachers easily incorporated the materials into the existing classroom curriculum. Also in 2013, Kellie Lockwood and Amy Van Leuven trained preschool teachers on the flip it curriculum. In addition to the face to face training on site, Kellie and Amy provided technical assistance in the classroom by observing each individual staff member and providing effective feedback to ensure learning objectives were met.

In order to meet the high standard of quality that we choose for our program and staff training is paramount. Child Care Aware® of Steuben and Schuyler has been a key resource to us in its provision of relevant, quality, sometimes free and always affordable trainings. Your staff is a welcomed presence; they are friendly, personable, and professional and demonstrate a mature and appropriate sense of humor, which makes the learning process effective and fun!

Thanks again to you and your team for supporting our program by meeting our training needs. Moreover, thank you for your endless advocacy efforts and giving voice to the issue that New York State needs to invest in a system that ensures affordable quality early care and education for all families! Take care,

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