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Greetings,

The intent of this letter is to share how the R.E.E.T.A.I.N grant has impacted, not only the child care program that employees me, but for many individuals that work in the Early Childhood field. I have the opportunity to work directly with both children and the many adults that spend countless hours supporting their brain development. I am a Coach, Mentor and Early Childhood Educator. This grant offers me financial support to obtain more education and research about our field and the development of young children’s minds so I can share this information with others. As a first-year recipient, I will use these awarded funds to pay for a portion of my college tuition and my professional membership fees.

Although brief, the length of this letter does not a reflect the distance these dollars will go and the number of educators that it will reach.

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