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Here We Grow Learning Center
Christine Leatherberry
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Dear Ms. Leatherberry:

This letter is in response to your appeal dated December 8, 2009 on behalf of Here We Grow Learning Center. I have reviewed your appeal and understand your position with respect to City of Madison child care accreditation services to facilities outside the City of Madison.

Upon review and careful consideration of your declaration, the Early Care and Education Committee's 2007 and 2009 recommendations and Madison General Ordinance I have affirmed the decision made by the Child Care Coordinator in the letter dated November 10, 2009. Your appeal is being denied because Madison General Ordinance specifies a program located outside the city may be accredited for the limited purpose of providing services to a tuition aid recipient(s). At this time we have no pending City of Madison child care assistance families enrolled in Here We Grow Learning Center.

Madison General Ordinance states your right to further appeal this decision to the Early Care and Education Committee. You may do so by filing a written appeal of the Office of Community Services administrative decision with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days of this dated letter. The ECCEC will provide a hearing within fifteen (15) days after such appeal is filed. At the hearing the ECCEC or you may be represented by counsel.

You may submit your appeal request to:

City of Madison
City Clerk - Room 103
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

This spring the Office of Community Services will propose Ordinance revisions to the Common Council with respect how services may be extended to centers located outside City of Madison boundaries. In the meantime, I encourage you to accept the invitation recently extended to you by the Child Care Coordinator to attend the ECCEC meeting scheduled for March 24th, 2010 to convey your interest in City of Madison accreditation.

In the meantime, if you have questions please feel free to contact Jolene at 266-6542 or jibeling@cityofmadison.com

Sincerely,

Bill Clingan
Community Development Director

Cc: Jolene Ibeling
Joanne Brown, ECCEC Chairperson