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**Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc. Becomes
Authorized Provider of IACET CEUs**
*Prestigious Authorization Demonstrates Commitment to High-Quality Lifelong
Learning*

January 1, 2012-The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has awarded **Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc.** the prestigious Authorized Provider status. IACET Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The recognition period extends for five years, and includes all programs offered or created during that time.

“**Southwestern Child Development** is proud of our education programs which train **Early Childhood Teachers** each year in important child development skills so that the staff in child development and preschool programs stay on the cutting edge,” stated Vickie Ansley, Deputy Director for Programs. Mrs. Ansley added, “Our new partnership with IACET is a demonstration of our commitment to lifelong learning and high standards for all of our programs, and we are very pleased to join such a prestigious organization as well as an elite group of organizations that offer excellent continuing education and training programs.”

“We are pleased to welcome **Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc.** as our newest Authorized Provider organization,” stated Francenia Johnson, President of IACET and Supervisor of Operations and Measurements at Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division (MLGW) in Memphis, TN. Johnson added, “**Southwestern Child Development** joins nearly 650 organizations around the globe that have had their programs vetted by third-party experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met.”

Visit www.swcdcinc.org and look for the link to the training opportunities for information about training offered by Southwestern Child Development.

In order to achieve Authorized Provider status, **Southwestern Child Development** completed a rigorous application process, including a review by an IACET site visitor, and successfully demonstrated adherence to the ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard addressing the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its programs. **Southwestern Child Development** has pledged its continued compliance with the Standard, and is now authorized to use the IACET name and Authorized Provider logo on promotional course material. In addition, **Southwestern Child Development** is now linked to the IACET web site and is recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs.

Southwestern Child Development is a private non-profit organization that has been in operation since 1972 and as an umbrella organization, provides a wide range of child development services. SWCDC operates child development centers in four counties in NC, leads Child Care Resource and Referral Services in 13 counties, provides parent information and referral services through Mountain Child Care Connections, provides child care subsidy services in 9 counties, operates a Family Resource Center in Jackson County, offers intervention services to young children and sponsors child care programs on the Child and Adult Care Feeding Program through USDA. For more information about the services offered by SWCDC, please visit www.swcdcinc.org or call 828-586-5561.

About IACET: The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) is a non-profit association dedicated to quality continuing education and training programs. IACET is the only standard-setting organization approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for continuing education and training. The ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard is the core of thousands of educational programs worldwide. For more information, please visit www.iacet.org or call 703-506-3275.