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Selection Committee  
Emerging Leaders in Early Care and Education  
Child Care Exchange

To Whom It May Concern,

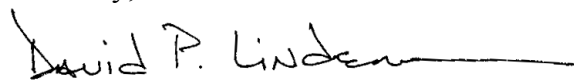
It is with pleasure that I take this opportunity to write a letter in support of Kasey Kile for recognition by the Child Care Exchange as an Emerging Leader in Early Care and Education. I first met Kasey just over two years ago. Following that, I got to know her much better when Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (KCCTO), Inc., hired her. This program provides training across the state of Kansas for child care providers and early childhood educators. I am currently the Chair of the Board of Directors for this non-profit agency.

As a young professional, Kasey has had a number of positions of responsibility. She has been the director of large child care center programs, a training and technical assistance provider to both home- and center-based providers, and has served on the board of professional organizations. In fact she is the President-Elect of the Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children.

Currently, Kasey is the Training and Curriculum Specialist for KCCTO and an Instructor in the Early Childhood Education Program at Kansas State University. I will limit my comments to her role with KCCTO. Kasey provides significant leadership for our organization in a variety of roles. She has been a leader and significant contributor to specialized projects focusing on obesity. She was the primary developer of a curriculum addressing obesity prevention and increasing physical activity, a project that was a grant funded. She has been our lead professional staff person responsible for the conversion of the Child Care Exchange materials – Turn-Key Training: Preventing Obesity and Promoting Wellness in Early Childhood Settings to an online format. She has also been the developer of a number of content specific courses for KCCTO that are designed for online delivery. The skill, persistence, intellect, and focus that she has brought to these roles is impressive.

I believe that Kasey is coming into her own as a young professional and is highly deserving of the recognition as an Emerging Leader in Early Care and Education. I would be happy to talk with the committee; please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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