September 14, 2017

Arizona Department of Education

Early Childhood Education | Head Start State Collaboration Office

1535 W. Jefferson St., Bin #15, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Early Childhood Educators (Birth─3rd Grade) and Early Childhood Programs,

**IT'S PICTURE TIME!** Does your program offer high quality, developmentally appropriate, and culturally and linguistically responsive early childhood experiences where children and their caregivers are deeply engaged in learning? Arizona Department of Education’s (ADE) Early Childhood Education (ECE) Unit invites you and your program to participate in a Photo Contest: **High Quality, Inclusive Early Learning across Arizona**. *In Arizona, a high quality preschool program means an early learning program that fully implements to a significant degree the* [*Program Guidelines for High Quality*](https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5879561caadebe0c98a80509) *(PGHQ) and quality improvement tools aligned with the statewide quality rating and improvement system Quality First:* [*www.qualityfirstaz.com*](http://www.qualityfirstaz.com)*.*

The top 2 exemplary submissions will each receive 1 complimentary registration each to the ADE ECE Summer Institute June 20-22, 2018. Award recipients will be contacted by January 5, 2018 and should plan to attend this conference at the Wigwam Resort in Phoenix.

Photographs need to be digital and high resolution (able to be enlarged up to poster size) and should reflect the diverse children (between birth and age 8), learning environments, and caregivers of early childhood education around Arizona. These photographs may be included in future ADE presentations, brochures, publications, marketing, and other forms of media. If you are interested in submitting, fill out the attached form for all children in the submitted photos. Parental/Guardian permission is required. With each release, also indicate your name, position, and your school/program.

Please include the following documents in an email to [PDG@azed.gov](mailto:PDG@azed.gov) ATTN: ECE Photo Contest. Completed submissions are due via email by **December 8, 2017** at **5 p.m.**

* Completed and signed “Photo, Press, and Electronic Media Release for Minors” forms for all children and adults in the submitted photos (attached)
* Up to 10 photos titled with the following information: [PhotoTitle\_YourLastName\_Program/District]
* A brief description of the ages of children, activities/centers/experiences, and/or materials reflected in the photos including what children and their caregivers said, did, and connections to [*Arizona Infant/Toddler Developmental Guidelines*](https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=54efdb1e1130c00eb465d5bc)and [*Arizona Early Learning Standards*](https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=591e2ea43217e122b492b21f) (maximum 2 pages)
* A completed self-evaluation rubric of your entry submission (attached)

We look forward to seeing **High Quality, Inclusive Early Learning across Arizona.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

ADE ECE

**Questions or for more information:** [PDG@azed.gov](mailto:PDG@azed.gov) ATTN: ECE Photo Contest or (602) 364-1530.

PHOTO, PRESS, AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA RELEASE FOR MINORS

First and Last Name of Child: (The child’s name **will not** be printed with the photo.)

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First and Last Name of Parent/Guardian:

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(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I, Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent that photographs of my child(ren) may be used by the *Arizona Department of Education, Early Childhood Education Section,* its assignees or successors in whatever way they desire, including brochures, educational publications and electronic media. Furthermore, I hereby consent that such photographs are the property of the *Arizona Department of Education*, *Early Childhood Education Section*, and they shall have the right to duplicate, reproduce, and make other uses of such photographs as they may desire free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand, in the State of Arizona, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Photographer Information**

Photo Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(All Photos Must Be Titled – Please use the same title when you upload your photograph to the submission.)**

Photo taken by (First and Last Name): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Self-Evaluation Rubric of Photo Contest Submission**

Please use this rubric to self-evaluate and award points to your ADE ECE Photo Contest submission. ADE ECE will use this rubric to assess each submission in order to select the top 2 exemplary submissions.

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| **Photographer Information** | |
| Contact Name | Contact Phone Number |  |
| Contact Email | |
| School/Program Name | |

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| Photo Contest Criteria Area | Points Possible | Score |
| Photos are digital and in high resolution (saved as JPEG/JPG/PDF). | 5 |  |
| Photos clearly reflect children’s faces and/or hands (any age between birth and age 8). | 3 |  |
| Photos clearly reflect caregivers’ faces and/or hands (e.g., educators, administrators, families). | 2 |  |
| Photos clearly reflect developmentally appropriate learning environments and materials. | 5 |  |
| Photos reflect diverse children and caregivers who are underrepresented (e.g., children of color, children with special needs, infants and toddlers, male educators). Describe how your program actively promotes and supports diversity: | 10 |  |
| Program is located in a rural, tribal, or underserved area. Please describe how you define rural or underserved: | 5 |  |
| Program is participating in Preschool Development Grant (PDG) and/or enrolled in Quality First and/or is accredited by a national early childhood accreditation association (e.g., NAEYC, NECPA).  Please list your program’s QF star rating:  5  4  3  2  1  Not yet assessed  Not enrolled  Is your program currently participating in PDG?  Yes  No  Is your program accredited?  Yes  No Accrediting Body: | 10 |  |
| Brief but detailed description includes the following information about each photo: ages of children, activities/centers/experiences/materials, and what children and their caregivers said/did (saved as .doc or .docx). | 5 |  |
| Brief but detailed description is strongly connected to Arizona Infant/Toddler Developmental Guidelines and Arizona Early Learning Standards (saved as .doc or .docx). | 5 |  |
| Total Score (out of 50) | |  |
| Name of reviewer: | Date: | |

**Additional Notes or Information:**

In Arizona, a high quality preschool program means an early learning program that fully implements to a significant degree the [Program Guidelines for High Quality](https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5879561caadebe0c98a80509) (PGHQ) and quality improvement tools aligned with the statewide quality rating and improvement system Quality First: [www.qualityfirstaz.com](http://www.qualityfirstaz.com).

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