

**Supporting Families Together Association
Technical Consultation/Mentoring Pilot Project
Summer 2009**

The Supporting Families Together Association has been awarded a contract to pilot technical assistance and on-site coaching/mentoring to support the implementation of the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) and the incorporation of the Center for the Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (CSEFEL) Infant Toddler Module in the Milwaukee area. This pilot project will provide a 24 hour training that will include a full WMELS training with connection to the CSEFEL Infant Toddler Module. Up to 75 child care teachers, directors and administrators will receive this training opportunity. From this pool of participants, 35 will be selected for intentional, targeted coaching and/or on-site mentoring to support implementation of the WMELS into the child care programming. Quality improvement plans will be developed to support on-going classroom improvement.

Additional contract activity will include the selection of up to three additional programs to participate in the Together Quality Grows project in the northern area of Florence, Forest, Oneida and/or Vilas counties. Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards training will be offered in this area, with linkage to the CSEFEL social emotional competencies to promote teacher capacity for targeted, intentional delivery of services to support programs in quality improvement efforts. Technical assistance will be available via on-site consultation and through long-distance technologies, including email and phone. The overall goal of this contract will be to demonstrate the value of targeted technical assistance to support quality improvement through the establishment of trusting relationships, and available resources.