



STATE OF NEW YORK  
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GOVERNOR

November 30, 2009

Ms. Kate E. Grippen  
Family Enrichment Network, Inc.  
P.O. Box 997  
Johnson City, New York 13790

Dear Ms. Grippen,

I am happy to inform you that I am nominating Family Enrichment Network to be considered as a Center of Excellence in accordance with the 2007 amendments to the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.).

Your application was reviewed as part of a competitive process, and your program was identified to be one of high quality. It is clear that your Head Start and/or Early Head Start program serves as an exemplary model by implementing comprehensive, innovative and targeted approaches to enhance program services. Through your application, you demonstrated that your program is producing positive, measurable outcomes for children's school success.

With this nomination, you are now eligible to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families' Office of Head Start to be considered for designation as a Center of Excellence. Ten Centers of Excellence will be awarded \$200,000 a year for a period of five years, subject to the availability of federal funds.

Instructions for submitting a full application as a Center of Excellence, as well as what must be included in the application, will be available on the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website, using the "Find Grant Opportunities" feature of the website. Please be certain to include a copy of this letter with your application.

Again, congratulations on being recognized as a high performing Head Start and/or Early Head Start grantee in New York State, and thank you for the quality care your program provides to New York's young children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Paterson".

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