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**Developmental Program Proposal**

Attention: The Public School Education System,

My name is Rhonda Brewer and I would like to start my own program for children with exceptionalities for children birth through five years old. The program that I would like to start is a developmental day program that will be called Exceptional Children’s Education through Montessori (ECEM). After doing some research on our community about the programs I noticed we do not have many inclusive programs like this in my part of the community. Montessori would be a great way to implement inclusion into this program. I have always felt strongly about children learning hands on and this would be the perfect way to help children with special needs. Two facilities I found were very interesting so I did more research. The programs were not Montessori but they are in the upper parts of the community. They both have exceptional progress in helping children with disabilities. I hope to open a facility as successful as they have become. Before I tell you about the facilities of the community I would like to say I believe the Montessori Inclusion program would be a great school for all children. In Pinehurst, N.C. Sandhills Children’s Center is a private, non-profit organization that offers an inclusive child developmental day program. The Children’s Center provides educational programs, as well as other services etc. Our ECEM program will provide children with exceptionalities with good quality education and family support here at the lower end of our community. The other facility with the same quality services is called Moore County Schools EC Program. It is a preschool that meets the diverse needs of our community’s students' with disabilities. They have served with our community for many years and with there NC State Improvement Project they believe that the vast majority of students with disabilities can read and write, as well as demonstrate math skills on grade level. Our facility also believes that children with exceptionalities are capable of learning alongside every child. We will abide by the laws and help children with the best of our knowledge. Quote “The Assistive Technology Act (The Tech Act) The Act covers people with disabilities of all ages, all disabilities, in all environments (early intervention, K-12, post-secondary, vocational rehabilitation, community living, aging services, etc.). The program is designed to provide and assist every child with exceptional needs. This proposal is to help families who need assistants with their finances. With Moore County’s help we will have transportation provided for the Low Income Families. This is to help with the lower end of Moore County. The IDEA act of 1975, [Then named the Education for All Handicapped Children Act] “became law and brought with it revolutionary changes for children and youth with disabilities, their families and the professionals who work on their behalf. Here at our facility we stand by these laws and hope you will consider our offer to open the Exceptional Children’s Education through Montessori Program (ECE). The American with Disabilities Act Section 504 plan is developed to ensure that students with disabilities are not discriminated against due to their disabilities within the educational setting. Our facility wants to help families who do not understand the (ADA) act. We want them to get the best chance to give their children the education they need. We want all parents to understand it is our duty to make sure that their children will receive the respect of their privacy. This act was brought out to protect your children as an individual. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that we can work together starting our new program (ECEM) Inclusion School. Please contact me at my office if you would like further information about the program.

Administrator/Director

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**Resources**

**History of the Laws:**

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>

[www.ed.gov/policy/rights/guid/ocr/disability.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/rights/guid/ocr/disability.html) <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html>

<http://www.ncmcs.org/page/408>

Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504

In 1975 IDEA, [Then named the Education for All Handicapped Children Act]

(B, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, ages 0-3, early intervention and D)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The Assistive Technology Act (The Tech Act)

The American with Disabilities Amendments Act, PL 110-325 (an update to the act went into effect on January 1, 2009.)

Rosa's Law, October 5, 2010

**Other sites I used:**

<http://nichcy.org/babies>

**Sandhills Children’s Center**

**Moore County Schools EC Program**

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