

Note from Linda Smith, ACF Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood in the Department of Health and Human Services, Washington DC:

Rick

My last day is coming next week and before I get out of here, I wanted to reach out and thank you for all you have done for child care and our agenda to improve the quality. You have been such a solid supporter and we have all benefited from your knowledge and wisdom. I doubt the nation will ever really understand the importance of your work over time, but I truly believe that because of you, we have moved the needle a great deal. We have not only a foundation now to build on, but a pathway through the Early Head Start/Child Care partnerships to guide us in the future. You have played such an important role and there are no words to express my gratitude.

Linda