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Audrey M. Yowell, PhD, MSSS
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Dear Ms. Yowell:

As the Chief Operating Officer and CBCAP Program Officer of The Children's Trust Fund of South Carolina (CTFSC), I am responsible for oversight of the funding received by South Carolina through Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). I fully support the grant application submitted by CTFSC for the Affordable Care Act Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (CDFA #93.505).

I was instrumental in the planning conversations for the Supporting Evidence Based Home Visiting Programs and have been most recently engaged in the early childhood home visitation needs assessment and early planning efforts and will continue to contribute information that will support the data collection process. Specifically, I have assisted our Title V agency with identifying appropriate parties within the South Carolina Department of Social Services for their most recent child welfare data and service array assessment. I will also provide necessary community-based and prevention-focused programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect and other family resource services operating in the State required under Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Being located within CTFSC affords me the opportunity to work closely with the ACA HRSA Home Visiting Program and I welcome the opportunity for significant collaboration. I recognize the early childhood home visitation needs assessment and subsequent planning process as important avenues for the provision of services that can help prevent the incidence of child abuse and neglect.

Sincerely,



Joan Fail Hoffman
Chief Operating Officer/CBCAP Liaison