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**Child Care Services Association  
Becomes Authorized Provider of IACET CEUs  
*Prestigious Authorization Demonstrates Commitment to  
High-Quality Lifelong Learning***

September 20, 2011 –The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) has awarded Child Care Services Association (CCSA) the prestigious Authorized Provider status. IACET Authorized Providers are the only organizations approved to offer IACET Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The recognition period extends for five years, and includes all programs offered or created during that time.

CCSA is proud of our education programs which provide important professional development for early childhood educators and program administrators. Over 2,800 early educators participated in 414 professional development workshops organized by CCSA last year in Durham, Orange, and Wake counties.

Research shows that children who receive quality early care and education are more likely to graduate high school, pursue secondary education and succeed in life. “It is critical that the workforce keep abreast of the latest developments and strategies in teaching to provide the kind of learning environments that children need to thrive,” stated Linda Chappel, Sr. Vice-President for Triangle Area Child Care Resource and Referral. Chappel added, “Our new partnership with IACET is a demonstration of CCSA’s commitment to high standards for the teachers and programs that work with children, and we are very pleased to join such a prestigious organization as well as an elite group of organizations that offer excellent continuing education and training programs.”

“We are pleased to welcome CCSA as our newest Authorized Provider organization,” stated Karen Niles, President of IACET and Director of Professional Development at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in Rockville, MD. Niles added, “CCSA joins nearly 650 organizations around the globe that have had their programs vetted by third-party experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met.”

In order to achieve Authorized Provider status, CCSA completed a rigorous application process, including a review by an IACET site visitor, and successfully demonstrated

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adherence to the ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard addressing the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its programs. CCSA has pledged its continued compliance with the Standard, and is now authorized to use the IACET name and Authorized Provider logo on promotional course material. In addition, CCSA is now linked to the IACET web site and is recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs.

**About CCSA:** Founded in 1974, Child Care Services Association (CCSA) is a nationally recognized nonprofit working to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality early care and education for all children and families. The organization accomplishes its mission through direct services, research and advocacy. CCSA provides a nutrition program for children in child care settings, free referral services to families seeking child care, quality improvement assistance to child care businesses, and training opportunities to early childhood educators. For more information, visit [www.childcareservices.org](http://www.childcareservices.org).

**About IACET:** The International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) is a non-profit association dedicated to quality continuing education and training programs. IACET is the only standard-setting organization approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for continuing education and training. The ANSI/IACET 1-2007 Standard is the core of thousands of educational programs worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.iacet.org](http://www.iacet.org) or call 703-506-3275.

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