



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



July 3, 2014

Stacey Kennedy
Colorado Department of Human Services,
Office of Early Childhood
1575 Sherman Street
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Dear Ms. Kennedy:

This letter is in response to Colorado's request to amend its approved Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) Project Four: Building a Great Early Childhood Workforce budget. The State submitted an amendment request to the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the Departments) on June 9, 2014. As you are aware, the Departments have the authority to approve amendments provided that such a change does not alter the scope or objectives of the approved proposal.

The Early Childhood Professional Development Team, at the Colorado Department of Education, is collaborating with the Colorado Coaching Consortium to develop the Colorado Coaching Credential requiring a coaching network infrastructure. The \$875,000 budget for Project 4 would be reallocated from the contractual budget category and dispersed across budget year's 2-4 to support the Colorado Coaching Network.

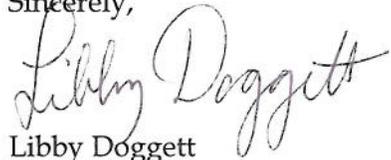
The following amendment request is approved, as described below:

- Project 4 -- Building a Great Early Childhood Workforce: Colorado intended to expand the coaching network through a contracting process. However, expanding the coaching network infrastructure into the QRIS system leverages CCDF quality funds, thus increasing sustainability of the coaching network created with RTT-ELC funds. Contractual budget funds in the amount of \$850,000 will be reallocated across the following budget categories: personnel, travel, equipment, professional development.

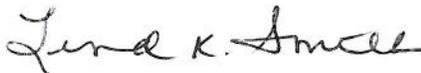
It is our understanding that this amendment will not result in a change in your State's performance measures and outcomes, participation rates, and grant activities, nor will delays in spending funds substantially change the scope of work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department of Education's website as a record of the amendment request.

We are confident that Colorado will continue its comprehensive efforts towards building successful state systems of early learning. If you need any assistance regarding RTT-ELC, please do not hesitate to contact your Project Officers, Miriam Lund, at (202) 401-2871 (Miriam.Lund@ed.gov) or Ngozi Onunaku, at (202)-260-5943 (Ngozi.Onunaku@acf.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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