
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: SIMMONS
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: CATHY GRACE: COMMENTS FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSTITUENTS
DATE 10/4/00
CC: BOYD
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Dr. Cathy Grace called this afternoon with a question related to the Charlotte, NC, conference. After discussing that, she said that she wanted to tell me something because she thought our office would want to know and she wants to do all she can to help Governor Musgrove. She said that the early childhood community is getting a little “itchy” because they don’t feel as if they’ve seen any action from the Governor since the session in the area of early childhood. As she said, the early childhood community “hope to see something framed to send a definitive message in January.” She said that two pieces which have a lot of support in the community are 1) the \$1.7 million Dr. Ed Thompson is requesting for additional child care licensing personnel and 2) the need for a research arm for early childhood activities in the state, possibly a division at the Education Research Center.

I explained that the team we are sending to the conference can identify areas such as these that the state needs to consider. I told her we appreciated her sharing the concerns with us and that I would share them with you.