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Achieving High-Quality Child Care: How Ten Programs Deliver Excellence Parents Can Afford
By Amy Fowler Kinch, Lawrence J Schweinhart
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Summary: This report describes 10 high-quality child care programs. All 10 programs establish high standards for quality and develop procedures to implement them. All programs offer above-average compensation to staff. Directors of each program stress the importance of improving the professional status of staff. Directors of exemplary programs are visionary individuals who have excellent skills in managing staff and planning for the future. Recognizing family needs and trying to work flexibly with parents are critical to making programs work for parents. Nearly all of the 10 exemplary programs use financial resources beyond parent fees to fund their services. By raising money from private and public sources and obtaining in-kind contributions, they break the direct connection between what parents can pay and the quality of care their child will receive. The 10 programs creatively cultivate diverse forms of support to bolster their work in providing high-quality services, good compensation, and low fees for families. Contains 33 references.

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