When I got the email about to share my experience and feelings about REETAIN I wanted to scream! Happy scream!!!

Because it's important to let you know how thankful I am to be a recipient of this grant.

My name is Martha Effertz, I been working on Child Care for over 15 years I enjoy my job, sometimes I feel the need to refresh my teaching skills and keep looking different ways to innovate my performance in the classroom.

REETAIN is a very important incentive that supports that mission. Makes possible to give back to kids and families and makes possible to look forward for my stay in the Child Care field. With the grant that I received on December I was able to buy STEAM and art materials and books for my classroom. So fun to see the excitement of the kids and the appreciation from the families.

Also, as a REETAIN recipient I have the commitment to be better every day with my students and their families, with all the people who I work with, and with my own family. I have the compromise to help and support as much is possible.

I am very humble and happy to share, to mentor, to help and give back! REETAIN also motivate me to look my job not just like a day care "nanny" I am a teacher, I went to school for it, and that bonus recognizes my effort, my classroom performance and my constant actualization while attending courses/classes. REETAIN is a very important privilege that I am very thankful for. It's a giant help that relieve economic pressure and helped me so much! Thank you! I hope that someday this grant can be available for a higher number of applicants.

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for your time and for reading this letter.

Respectfully, Martha Effertz