

## **Benefits of ECE Industry Certification**

- Programs meet higher standards thus giving the students the opportunity to leave the program with credentials such as CPR certification, infant/pediatric first aid certification.
- Students have the use of state-of-the art equipment and supplies that are purchased with the grant money; they are taught to use the equipment and supplies.
- Students going through programs that are industry certified are better prepared to enter the workforce or continue on to higher education.
- Students from certified programs can easily articulate credit with post-secondary institutions.
- Students in certified programs are exposed to local practitioners on field trips and through classroom speakers.
- A certified program is well promoted within the community.
- Strong advisory committee involvement is found in programs that are certified.
- Certified programs bring recognition to the school, students and teacher (s).
- Certified programs offer active CTSOs which promote leadership development and competitive involvement.
- The latest technology is utilized in certified programs.
- Lab-based instruction in industry certified programs enables students to put theory into practice thus better preparing them for the workforce.
- Teams that review the programs are involved in early learning thus giving the program credibility, eg. recommendations/suggestions come from practicing professionals.
- Diversity is stressed throughout the program through race, age, ethnic background, religion, etc.
- Teachers from certified programs are experts in their field and must pass a test to prove competency.
- Teachers must stay abreast of latest content/techniques through required membership in professional organizations.

