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## CHILDCARE RESOURCES RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE WACHOVIA FOUNDATION

BIRMINGHAM, AL — Childcare Resources has received a \$10,000 grant from The Wachovia Foundation to support the agency's work in training child care teachers and directors.

The grant will support training programs, including:

- **Director's Retreat**, a quarterly retreat to encourage, enlighten and support child care directors.
- **Stepping' It Up**, a training series that covers intermediate-level subjects such as child development, quality child care and licensing, health and safety, child care management, language development, and positive guidance and discipline.
- **Basic Administration Course** for individuals planning to become a child care program director, covering topics such as emergency preparedness, nutritional planning, wage and hour issues, budget planning, working with families, and operational policies and procedures.

"When child care providers are trained in the latest educational techniques, the children in their care benefit from being in a safer, more enriching environment that gives them the best start in life," said Joan Wright, executive director of Childcare Resources. "We deeply appreciate the generous grant from The Wachovia Foundation, which demonstrates their commitment to the well-being of our community's youngest children."

"Childcare Resources plays an essential role in our community by making quality child care both affordable and accessible to families in Central Alabama," said Bob Gates, Wachovia regional president for North/Central Alabama and Memphis, Tenn. "We are pleased to support their efforts to provide child care teachers and directors with continuing education opportunities."

The Wachovia Foundation is a private foundation that provides grants to eligible 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations to support four primary focus areas: Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services and Arts and Culture. The mission of the Foundation is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life, and make a positive difference in the communities where Wachovia does business.

A nonprofit organization and United Way agency since 1984, Childcare Resources provides services to help make quality child care available and affordable in Blount, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker counties. The agency helps families locate child care, trains child care professionals, provides parent education services, and offers child care financial assistance to low-to-moderate income, working families. For more information, visit [www.ccr-bhm.org](http://www.ccr-bhm.org) or call (205) 795-2244.