

Announcement of the BAS 2nd Edition in ExceleRate Illinois

The McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership is pleased to announce the publication of the second edition of the Business Administration Scale for Family Child Care (BAS) by Teachers College Press. The BAS 2nd Edition includes findings from an expanded reliability and validity study with national norms identified for business and professional practices relating to Qualifications and Professional Development, Income and Benefits, Work Environment, Fiscal Management, Recordkeeping, Risk Management, Provider-Family Communications, Family Support and Engagement, Marketing and Community Relations, and Provider as Employer.

The BAS 2nd Edition includes minor refinements to support the reliable use of the BAS and to reflect current best practices in the business and professional practices of family child care:

- The Notes for the BAS items are expanded to increase understanding and facilitate greater consistency in completing the BAS by all users.
- More emphasis is placed on administrative practices that support family and community engagement, technology applications in support of communication, and cultural competence.
- The provider's engagement and leadership in the community is measured and valued.

Important Dates:

- A 30 minute, non-hosted, webinar that reviews the refinements made to the BAS will be available at <http://mccormickcenter.nl.edu> beginning **November 1, 2018**.
 - ▷ ExceleRate Bronze, Silver and Gold Circle of Quality family child care providers need to complete this 30-minute training prior to your annual report.
 - ▷ A copy of the BAS 2nd Edition will be mailed to you in September.
- Beginning **October 1, 2018**, the "Getting Ready for the BAS" training will use the BAS 2nd Edition.
 - ▷ Completion of this training is required of any home provider wishing to apply for ExceleRate Bronze, Silver or Gold (providers NEW to ExceleRate must complete this full training).
 - ▷ All training participants will receive the updated tool with paid registration.
- Beginning **January 1, 2019** all ExceleRate BAS assessments will be conducted using the BAS 2nd Edition.