

## Pathways and the School Readiness Tax Credits

Eligibility for the **School Readiness Tax Credits for Directors and Staff (SRTC)** is based on levels on Pathways' career ladders. Members who are at Early Learning Center Teacher 1, 2, 3, 4, Early Learning Center Master Teacher, Director 1, 2, 3, and 4 are on tax credit eligible levels.

### Pathways supports the School Readiness Tax Credit for Directors and Teachers by:

- ◆ Placing members on the appropriate career ladder based on the documentation received and advising about advancement
- ◆ Sending SRTC tax forms to members who have achieved tax credit eligible levels (by January 31st of the following year)
- ◆ Advising Louisiana Department of Education and Department of Revenue of all members who have achieved a tax credit eligible level

### Notes to Remember for the School Readiness Tax Credit:

- ◆ To maintain levels--CDA credentials, professional organization membership, and service to the profession must be current.
- ◆ To receive the tax form at the end of January, the deadline for submitting information is December 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Mail will be processed in the year that it is postmarked.
- ◆ In addition to being on an eligible level, the member must also work for at least 6 months of the year at a star-rated center.
- ◆ Members use the form provided to file with their Louisiana State Income Taxes. Because Pathways cannot answer specific questions about the credit. For tax credit information, Please go to [www.qrslouisiana.com](http://www.qrslouisiana.com).

