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## Introduction from Your Nutrition Specialist, Bhavini Patel

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## Hello Fellow Early Learning Professionals,

My name is Bhavini Patel, and I am your Nutrition Specialist. I am here to support you and your program with its nutritional needs while assisting YES For Early Success in meeting its 2024-2025 Performance Standards related to nutrition. I am excited to be a part of this team, especially since I am also a fellow Family Home Provider.

## Next Steps:

**Survey:** I will be sending out a survey shortly, requesting information about your program's current nutrition practices, cultural preferences, and any special food needs for the children in your care. Additionally, I will work with you to either enroll your program into your Regional Food Program or, if preferred, into YES Parachute Program, which offers additional support and resources.

**Regulatory Review:** I will provide information on Washington Administrative Code (WAC) requirement 110-300-0180 and how we can align with the ECEAP Performance Standards ENV 8-12. My goal is to bridge any gaps by providing you with the necessary support and resources.

**Menu Submission:** I will also introduce an easy way for you to upload your monthly menus, ensuring a streamlined process for everyone. I look forward to working with and alongside you this year.

Sincerely,

Bhavini Patel Nutrition Specialist YES For Early <u>Successnutrition@yesforearlysuccess.org</u>