



Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Office of Child Care

To: Interested Parties

From: Nicole Chiello, Assistant Director, Office of Child Care

Date: May 14, 2024

Re: Public hearing for the review of the Triennial Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) plan for Rhode Island FFY 2025-2027

Proposed Adoption of the Triennial Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) plan for Rhode Island FFY 2025-2027

In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) 42-35 and 45 CFR 98.14, notice is hereby given that the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Child Care proposes the following DHS State Plan: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for Rhode Island FFY 2025-2027.

As required by the Child Care Development Block Grant, this CCDF Plan serves as Rhode Island's application for a three-year cycle of CCDF funds and is the primary mechanism used to determine Lead Agency (DHS) compliance with the requirements of the statute and regulations. The CCDF Plan is a fundamental part of OCC's oversight of CCDF and is designed to align with and complement other oversight mechanisms including administrative and financial data reporting, the monitoring process, error rate reporting, audits, and the annual Quality Progress Report.

A public hearing conducted by the DHS Office of Child Care will be held to consider the proposed plan on **Monday, June 3, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.** at DHS, Louis Pasteur Building, 25 Howard Avenue, Building #57, Cranston, RI 02920. It will be held in the West Wing Conference Room on the first floor (Room #110). Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the hearing or by submitting written testimony by **Friday, May 31, 2024**, to Nicole Chiello, Assistant Director, Office of Child Care, Department of Human Services, Louis Pasteur Building, 25 Howard Avenue, Building #57, Cranston RI 02920, or by emailing the testimony to nicole.chiello@dhs.ri.gov

The hearing will begin at 4:00 P.M. and will conclude when the last speaker finishes their testimony or at 6:00 P.M., whichever comes first. The DHS Louis Pasteur Building is accessible to persons with disabilities and Spanish translation will be available during this public hearing. Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter's presence by calling 711 or RI Relay at 1-800-745-6575 (Voice) or 1-800-745-5555 (TTY). Requests for this service must be at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing date. The Department of Human Services does not discriminate against individuals based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religious belief, political belief, or handicap in acceptance for or provision of services or employment in its programs or activities.