

DHHS Announces Public Hearings and Releases Draft of FFY 2016-2018 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Federal Plan for Public Comment

Public Hearings on the Child Care and Development Fund Plan will be held on January 4, 2016 and January 5, 2016, with a snow date of January 6, 2016. Each Public Hearing will be preceded by a one hour informational session on the content of the Plan.

Notice of Public Hearings

January 4, 2016

11:00 AM (info session begins at 10:00 AM)

2nd Floor

2 Delta Dental

Concord, NH

Or via GoToWebinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9070252219774028033>

January 5, 2016

7:00 PM (info session begins at 6:00 PM)

Department of Health and Human Services

Brown Building Auditorium on Gov. Hugh Gallen State Office Park

129 Pleasant St.

Concord, NH

Directions to Brown Building <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/directions/brown.htm>

Or via GoToWebinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/930178412232116481>

January 6, 2016 - Snow date if either the January 4th or 5th date is cancelled.

Same time and location as the January 5th date.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division for Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Child Development Bureau (CDB) is preparing to submit the required Federal Plan regarding the use of the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF). These Federal funds support working families with low-income to access child care through the NH Child Care Scholarship, and to improve the quality of child care in NH. On November 19, 2014, these funds were reauthorized by Congress in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This reauthorization made sweeping changes, including a paradigm shift from primarily a work-support program to a program that supports family self-sufficiency *and* child development by improving the safety and quality of child care, establishing policies that provide more stabilized funding to child care providers and ensuring continuity of care for children in high quality programs.

A **draft** of DHHS' response to the FFY 2016-2018 CCDF Federal Plan are underlined on the "Draft CCDF for Public Comment 9-14-15 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan", provided by the Office of Child Care and can be found at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cdb/publications.htm> along with a PowerPoint highlighting portions of the Plan.

Comments regarding DHHS's responses can be provided during either of the Public Hearings verbally, in writing or via the webinar. Comments can also be emailed to Kristin Booth, CCDF Administrator, at kristin.booth@dhhs.state.nh.us or faxed to (603) 271-8712 or left on a voice mail message at (603) 271-4242. **Public comment period ends Friday, January 8, 2016 at midnight.**