

## **Notice of Public Hearing for North Carolina's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2016-2018**

RALEIGH — Members of the public are invited to comment on North Carolina's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan. The Plan describes how the program will be administered by the NC Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) during the period of 6/01/2016 – 9/30/2018.

On Nov. 19, 2014, the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 became law. The law reauthorized the Child Care and Development Fund for the first time in 18 years and made changes to protect the health and safety of children in child care, promote continuity of access to subsidy for low-income families, better inform parents and the general public about child care choices, and improve the overall quality of early care and education.

The CCDF is the major source of Federal funds for DCDEE. The funds are used to provide child care assistance for families and to fund initiatives to improve and support the quality of child care in North Carolina.

In North Carolina, the CCDF provides support for:

- Subsidized child care services for more than 120,000 children each year
- Child care resource and referral services for families
- Increased education and compensation for child care teachers
- Technical assistance and training for child care providers
- Monitoring of child care programs
- North Carolina's Star Rated License System for child care facilities

The projected amount of funding available through CCDF per federal fiscal year is approximately \$203 million.

All interested people may review and provide feedback on the North Carolina proposed 2016-2018 CCDF Plan by obtaining a copy at the following locations:

1. The NC Division of Child Development and Early Education, 820 South Boylan Ave., Raleigh NC 27603, or
2. The Division's website: <http://ncchildcare.nc.gov> by clicking on What's New and then *2016-2018 CCDF Plan*.

A Public Hearing will be held on Nov. 18, 2015 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Dorothea Dix Campus in the McBryde/Dix Grille Employment Center, 820 South Boylan Ave., Raleigh, NC 27603. We welcome attendance and comment on the CCDF Plan. For those who can't attend the meeting, written comments may be sent directly to [Tasha.Owens-Green@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tasha.Owens-Green@dhhs.nc.gov) or by U.S. Mail (addressed to):

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The final date for the submission of public comments is December 18, 2015. Please contact Tasha Owens-Green at (919) 527-6335 with any questions regarding this public hearing notice