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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Federal FY 2025-2027 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan

Public Hearing Date: June 27, 2024
Location: DHHS, Brown Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03031
Time: 5:00 PM

The Child Care and Development Fund is a federal and state partnership program authorized under the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). These Federal funds support working families with low incomes to access child care through the NH Child Care Scholarship Program, and to improve the quality of child care for all New Hampshire children. Funding also is used to invest in building the skills and qualifications of child care providers, to support programs to achieve higher quality standards, and to provide consumer education to parents. New Hampshire's program is administered through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Economic Stability (DES), Bureau of Child Care and Head Start Collaboration (BCDHSC).

The Federal Office of Child Care (OCC) requires us to meet specific requirements and to report on activities, progress, spending, and programming in the following areas:

1. CCDF Administration
2. Child and Family Eligibility, Enrollment, and Continuity of Care
3. Child Care Affordability
4. Parental Choice, Equal Access, Payment Rates and Practices
5. Child Care Setting Health and Safety
6. Support for a Skilled, Qualified, and Compensated Child Care Workforce
7. Quality Improvement
8. Lead Agency Coordination and Partnerships
9. Family Outreach and Community Education
10. Program Integrity and Accountability

VIEW AND MAKE COMMENTS ON THE PLAN

OCC also requires us to update our State Plan every three years. Our next plan is due July 1, 2024, and will be in effect from October 2024 to September 2027. As part of our plan, the OCC asks us to demonstrate how we engage stakeholders in the process. We are asking for your feedback and commentary on the upcoming plan.

You can view the draft of our FFY 2025-2027 Child Care and Development Fund plan at [INSERT LINK TO CCDF PLAN](#). Written comments will be accepted through June 28th, 2024 either online <https://www.nh-connections.org/2025-2027-ccdf-plan-public-comments/> or by mail to DHHS, Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH, 03301. We appreciate your involvement in this process, and we will review all comments, and to the extent possible, may make changes to the Draft Plan accordingly. Not all comments will result in changes to the Plan.