

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Trista Piccola
Director
Department of Children, Youth and Families

DATE: June 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Proposed Adoption and Repeals of DCYF Rules

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department is advertising for promulgation a new DCYF rule, and associated proposed repeals. This proposed adoption aligns with Rhode Island Department of Education regulations and early childhood learning best practices. The proposed adoption and repeals are accessible on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) and through the RI Secretary of State's Proposed Rules and Regulations Database Search (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>).

There will be a public hearing to consider the proposed on **July 20, 2017** in the community room at the DaVinci Center for Community Progress, located at 470 Charles St, Providence, RI 02904. Persons wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the Hearing or by submitting written testimony to Veronica Davis, Chief of Licensing and Regulation. The Hearing will begin at 6:00 P.M. and will conclude when the last speaker finishes testimony or at 8:00 P.M., whichever occurs first. The seating capacity of the DaVinci Center will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the Hearing may be limited at any given time, to comply with safety and fire codes.

The DaVinci Center is accessible to the handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please contact the Department at least two business days prior to the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted by **July 24, 2017** to:

Veronica Davis
Chief of Licensing and Regulation
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101 Friendship Street
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Summary of Changes

This is a summary document of non-technical differences including new regulations, amendments, clarifications, and removals.

Adoption

Child Care Center and School Age Program Regulations for Licensure: The proposed new rule provides quality of care standards intended for children in center based day care programs. The proposed rule provides details relating to the licensing application, approval and re-licensing processes; includes references to statutory and regulatory provisions, protocol for emergency and disaster procedures, early learning educational standards, health and safety of children and national best practices.

Repeals

Child Care Program Regulations for Licensure: This rule has been consolidated and incorporated into the new proposed Child Care Center and School Age Program Regulations for Licensure Regulations.

School-Age Child Care Program Regulations for Licensure: This rule has been consolidated and incorporated into the new proposed Child Care Center and School Age Program Regulations for Licensure Regulations.