



DHHS Announces Public Hearing and Releases Draft of FFY 2022 – 2024 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Federal Plan for Public Comment

A Public Hearing on the FFY 2022 - 2024 Child Care and Development Fund Plan Draft Version will be held on Monday, July 19, 2021 at virtually on the zoom link.

The Hearing will be preceded by a one-hour informational session on the content of the Plan.

Notice of Public Hearing

Monday July 19, 2021

5:00 P.M. – Informational Session Begins

6:00 P.M. – Hearing Begins

Location: NH Department of Health and Human Services Zoom Link

Directions to register for meeting:

When: Jul 19, 2021 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Child Care and Developmental Fund (CCDF) Federal Plan and Public Hearing

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://nh-dhhs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XKfRhwiOTUifVQ6NOFkNEg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Economic and Housing Stability, Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration (Bureau) is preparing to submit the required Federal Plan regarding the use of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). 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 in NH.

In 2014, Congress reauthorized these funds 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. This next Plan focuses on 75% compliance with those changes and 25% innovation and changes.

A **draft** of DHHS' response to the FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Federal Plan, "Draft Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024 will be posted on Friday, July 16 2021 it will be located at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cdb/publications.htm> , along with a PowerPoint highlighting portions of the Plan. In addition, the same components will be posted on the Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration Consumer Education Website at <https://www.nh-connections.org/resources/>

How to Share Your Comments about the CCDF Plan with the Bureau

Comments regarding DHHS' Draft Plan can be provided:

- ◆ During the Public Hearing verbally, in writing or via the webinar;
- ◆ Via email to: CCDFPlan@dhhs.nh.gov
- ◆ Via fax to (603) 271-8712, attention Debra Nelson; or

- ◆ By leaving a voice mail message at (603) 271-4242.

Public comment period begins on Friday, July 16 until Wednesday, July 21 at 5:00 PM.

DHHS will review all comments and, to the extent possible, make changes to the Draft Plan accordingly. Not all comments will result in changes to the Plan.

We look forward to hearing your feedback.