

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

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Janice DeFrances, Ed.D.
Director
Department of Children, Youth and Families 

DATE: June 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Proposed DCYF Rules

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Department is advertising for promulgation the following amended DCYF rules. These proposed rules align with Rhode Island Department of Education regulations and early childhood learning best practices. The proposed rules 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 rules on July 28, 2014 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 by July 28, 2014 to Sarah St. Jacques, Principal Human Services Policy & Systems Specialist, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903. 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 by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The DaVinci Center is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals with hearing impairments may request an interpreter's presence by calling RI Relay, 711. Requests for this service must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the Hearing date.

Written comments may be submitted by July 28, 2014 to:

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Amended

Family Childcare Home Regulations for Licensure: The proposed amended rule, Family Childcare Home Regulations for Licensure provides quality of care standards intended for children in home day care programs. The proposed amended 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. Regulations have been regrouped within sections of the rule or moved to new sections.

Group Family Childcare Home Regulations for Licensure: The proposed amended rule, Group Family Childcare Home Regulations for Licensure provides quality of care standards intended for children in home day care programs. The proposed amended 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. Regulations have been regrouped within sections of the rule or moved to new sections.