



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families

December 10, 2019

Dear Foster Families,

I want to thank you for the incredibly valuable service you provide to Rhode Island's children as foster parents. Our most vulnerable children are in safe, loving homes because of you.

I'm writing to inform you that the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) will soon be engaging with our private foster care agencies in contract renegotiations. Current contracts will be extended through March 31, 2020 so you should not experience any changes during this period of renegotiation.

Our goal during contract discussions will be to ensure that children are cared for in appropriate placements based on their needs, that foster families are paid foster care rates based on the child's needs, and that both children and families have access to the right services and supports.

We are committed to ensuring that the payment amount you receive today as a foster family stays the same while the foster child(ren) currently in your home remain in your care. We are also committed to ensuring that you and the foster children in your care continue to receive the services and supports that you need for safety and stability.

We will continue to communicate with you and your agency throughout this process. We sincerely thank you for your partnership and incredible dedication to our children and families.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Aucoin
Acting Director