



ADMINISTRATION FOR  
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Gladys Carrion, Esq., Commissioner  
NYS Office of Children and Family Services  
52 Washington St.  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Dear Commissioner Carrion:

I am pleased to inform you that the New York Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for the period of October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2015, has been approved. The Office of Child Care (OCC) appreciates the time and energy that you put in developing your Plan to effectively administer your program.

You will receive a Notice of Grant Award in October 2013 from the Office of Administration, Administration for Children and Families. The notice will include the amount of your award and additional terms and conditions for the receipt of CCDF program funds. During the effective period of this plan, any substantial changes to the program must be submitted as a plan amendment to your Regional Office for approval in accordance with 45 CFR 98.18(b).

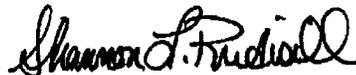
We continue to be concerned generally about the impact of low payment rates on equal access and parental choice in all states and territories. Thus, the approval of your Plan does not constitute a final determination that your payment rates are sufficient to provide access to child care services for eligible families that are comparable to those provided to families that do not receive subsidies, as required by law. We plan to conduct an analysis of the State and Territory payment rate submissions for the FY 2014 – 2015 Plan period to determine if rates are sufficient to ensure equal access. This may result in requiring changes via a Plan amendment.

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We remind you that your CCDF-funded child care program must comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations, including Federal wage and income tax laws governing domestic workers. Questions regarding Federal wage laws should be directed to your local or district office of the Wage and Hour Division within the U.S. Department of Labor. Likewise, questions regarding Federal income tax laws should be directed to your local or district office of the Internal Revenue Services.

We look forward to working together toward our goals of building a child care subsidy system that is child-focused, family-friendly, and fair to child care providers and helping more children from low-income families access high-quality care. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Carlson, Child Care Program Manager, Office of Child Care at (212) 264-2890 X182 or [barbara.carlson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:barbara.carlson@acf.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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Office of Child Care

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