

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

New York State Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services proposes to hold several public hearings in regard to the development of New York State's second multi-year plan to be eligible to continue to receive assistance under Section 5082 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, known as the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

The purpose of this federal block grant program is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of child day care. To accomplish this purpose, upon approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services of a State Plan, federal funds will be available to New York State for subsidies for child day care services to low income families with a parent who is working, attending a training or education program, or with a child who has special needs. The Block Grant program is intended to offer eligible families a broad variety of options regarding their selection of child day care providers. Funding also is provided to improve the availability and quality of child day care and for early childhood development and before- and after-school services.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 98.14(c), the public is invited to provide input into the development of the State's second Plan. Specific areas for comment include: (a) program priorities for child day care through 1996; (b) funding distribution priorities through 1996; and (c) suggested avenues for local input in shaping the Department of Social Services' child day care agenda.

Persons interested in submitting oral testimony during the public hearings must send written testimony in advance to Christina M. Hay, New York State Department of Social Services, Bureau of Early Childhood Services, 40 N. Pearl Street, 11-B, Albany, New York 12243. Such written testimony is limited to ten minutes in length and must be received by the Department by November 29, 1993. Persons interested only in submitting written comments must submit such comments by December 3, 1993.

A fact sheet on the Department of Social Services' current child day care program and funding priorities will be available in each social services district office and at the Department's Bureau of Early Childhood Services regional offices by November 10, 1993. Individuals wishing a large number of copies of the fact sheet should send a written request to the above mentioned address or call 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9324, or (518) 474-9324.

The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Date: December 6, 1993
Time: 10 AM - 1 PM
Place: Buffalo & Erie Co. Public Library
Auditorium (entrance on Clinton St.)
Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York

Date: December 7, 1993
Time: 1-4 PM
Place: Rochester City Hall
City Council Chambers
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York

Date: December 9, 1993
Time: 4-7 PM
Place: ONCENTER
800 South State St.
Syracuse, New York

Date: December 14, 1993
Time: 1-4 PM
Place: CUNY Graduate School & University Center
Auditorium
33 West 42nd Street
New York, New York

Date: December 16, 1993
Time: 4-7 PM
Place: Legislative Office Building
Hearing Room C
State Street
Albany, New York