I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter is to give local departments of social services an opportunity to provide input on the New York State Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for federal fiscal year 2014-2015.
II. Background

The federal Office of Child Care (OCC) requires that states/territories submit a plan every two years that:

1) details how child care subsidy programs are administered, and

2) describes the goals and strategic plans for the implementation of health and safety and quality improvement activities funded under the CCDF.

The OCC has provided states/territories with a draft preprint. This draft preprint may be slightly changed by OCC before being finalized, to reflect comments made by states.

III. Program Implications

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Division of Child Care Services is in the preliminary phase of developing its next CCDF State Plan and is seeking input from local departments of social services and other stakeholders. Those who provide comments need not restrict their comments to the content of the questions in the plan preprint. The comments and any other feedback received will be considered in development of the State Plan and in future policies for the child care subsidy program and quality improvement activities.

To view the 2012-2013 approved Child Care and Development Fund Plan and the 2014-2015 preprint, go to:

http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/childcare/stateplan/default.asp

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