



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Benefit, Employment and Support Services Division
820 Mililani Street, Suite 606
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

March 3, 2015

This is to announce that the Department of Human Services will be having open "Listening Session" meetings on Oahu and by Video Conference Call (VCC) and/or teleconference on the Neighbor Islands (NI) **to receive public and stakeholder input** regarding the development of Hawaii's 2016-2018 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan.

The schedule and topics to be discussed are as follows:

Thursday, March 19 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am **Twelve Month Eligibility & Payment Practice;**

Thursday, March 19 from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Quality Activities & Professional Development;**

Monday, March 23 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am **Health and Safety;** and

Monday, March 23 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Background Checks & Consumer Education.**

Additional details regarding the topics for each session are included in the attachment. Interested persons may also find the amended Child Care and Development Block Grant law at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/occ/child_care_and_development_block_grant_markup.pdf.

Interested persons may participate in the meetings at the following locations:

On Oahu: Mililani Building
820 Mililani Street, Suite 615
Honolulu, Hawaii

To RSVP participation at Mililani Building for any of the meetings please contact Carrie Lum at (808) 586-5735 or email her at clum@dhs.hawaii.gov.

On NI: Please directly RSVP to the following DHS First-To-Work offices confirming participation at any of the meetings via VCC:

East Hawaii

Central Hilo Unit:
1990 Kinoole Street, Suite 109
Hilo, Hawaii
Supervisor: Mr. Ward Pirie, Phone: (808) 981-7290

West Hawaii

North Kona 2 Unit: Kona Center
75-5722 Hanama Place, Suite 1105
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
Supervisor: Ms. Kelly Okoji, Phone: (808) 327-4755

Kauai

South Unit:
Dynasty Court, 4473 Pahee Street, Suite G
Lihue, Hawaii
Supervisor: Mr. Kelly Robinson, Phone: (808) 241-3679

Maui

Central Maui Unit: Waiehu Beach Center
270 Waiehu Beach Road, Suite 107
Wailuku, Hawaii
Supervisor: Mr. Elwyn Mukogawa, Phone: (808) 243-5866

Please RSVP to the respective office you will be attending by March 17, 2015. Please note that if there are more participants interested in attending each session than the conference rooms allow, we will have a wait-list and notify individuals of any additional sessions that will be held. For further information for any of these meetings, please contact Colleen Leonardo at (808) 586-0978 or email cleonardo@dhs.hawaii.gov.

Special accommodations (Sign language or oral interpreter services, large print, taped materials, or accessible parking) can be made if requested at least five (5) working days in advance of the selected meeting date by contacting the applicable DHS office listed above where services are needed.

Sincerely,



Scott Nakasone
Acting Division Administrator

Enclosure

Hawaii CCDF Plan Listening Sessions Meeting Schedule and Topics

Date	Time	Topic(s)	Description
March 19, 2015	8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	Twelve Month Eligibility & Payment Practice	<p>Lead Agencies must demonstrate how low-income working parents are protected by ensuring a 12-month minimum period of eligibility regardless of changes in income or temporary changes in the working, education or training status of the parents as long as the family's income does not exceed 85 percent of the State Median Income for a family of the same size. [CCDBG 658E(c)(2)(N)(i)(I)]</p> <p>The State's payment practices of CCDF child care providers must reflect generally accepted payment practices of non-CCDF child care providers in the State—so as to provide stability of funding and encourage more child care providers to participate in the subsidy program. To the extent practicable, the State must implement enrollment and eligibility policies that support the fixed costs of providing child care services by delinking provider payments from a child's occasional absences due to holidays or unforeseen circumstances such as illness. [CCDBG 658E(c)(2)(S)]</p>
March 19, 2015	2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Quality Activities & Professional Development	<p>Lead Agencies are asked to describe the current status and their goals and plans for implementation of child care quality improvement activities. Lead Agencies are required to reserve and use a portion of their Child Care and Development Block Grant funds for activities designed to improve the quality of child care services and increase parental options for, and access to, high-quality child care. States/territories may provide these quality improvement activities directly, or through grants or contracts with local child care resource and referral organizations or other appropriate entities. The activities should be alignment with a state/territory-wide assessment of the State's/Territory's needs to carry out such services and care, and include one or more of the following quality improvement activities. [CCDBG 658G(a)(1)]</p> <p>The State shall describe the training and professional development requirements that are in effect within the State designed to</p>

			enable child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers that provide services for which assistance is provided. [CCDBG 658E(c)(2)(G)]
March 23, 2015	9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Health and Safety	<p>Including Disaster Preparedness, Annual Inspections/Monitoring visits, and Child-to-Provider Ratio and Group Size for license-exempt providers caring for CCDF children.</p> <p>Each State is required to certify it has in effect licensing requirements applicable to child cares services provided within the State, and to provide a detailed description of such requirements and how such requirements are effectively enforced. [CCDBG (658E(c)(2)(I)(i))]</p>
March 23, 2015	10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Background Checks & Consumer Education	<p>States are required to conduct criminal background checks no later than September 30, 2017 for all child care staff members, including staff members who don't care directly for children but have unsupervised access to children. States are also required to have regulations in place that prohibit the employment of child care staff members who refuse to consent to a background check, knowingly makes false states in connection with a background check, is registered or is required to register on a State or National Sex Offender Registry, or has been convicted of a felony or a violent misdemeanor. [CCDBG 658H(a)]</p> <p>Lead Agencies must establish a user-friendly, easy-to-understand website that includes provider-specific information about health and safety, history of licensing violations and any compliance actions taken, and date of last inspection to promote informed child care choices.</p> <p>This website must also include a description of regulatory requirements for child care and processes for conducting background check in plain language. The purpose of this website is to provide a single website that provides information about the availability of the full diversity of child care services</p>

			<p>that will promote informed child care choices, the availability of child care services provided through programs and the quality of providers including, health and safety information to help parents make informed child care decisions. Lead Agencies may link to relevant information from other State agencies (e.g., link to licensing information maintained by State/Territory licensing agency) on this website. [CCDBG 658E(2)(D)]</p>
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(Video-Conference or Telephone-Conference capability)

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