

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING

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## MEMORANDUM

- **DATE:** March 29, 2018
- **TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents Public School Academy Directors
- **FROM:** Shulawn Doxie, Interim Deputy Superintendent State Office of Great Start
- **SUBJECT:** CCDF State Plan

Every three years, a State Plan must be completed for the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) dollars received to support low-income families with access to child care and improving the quality of child care.

CCDF helps to promote families' economic self-sufficiency by making child care more affordable and fostering healthy child development and school success by improving the overall quality of early learning and afterschool programs. It also makes significant advancements by defining health and safety requirements for child care providers, outlining family-friendly eligibility policies, and ensuring parents and the general public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has created a <u>plain language summary</u> to help you understand what changes have been made and what items are still outstanding for Michigan to be in compliance with the requirements by the deadline of September 30, 2018.

## **Public Hearing and Comment Information**

A draft of the <u>Fiscal Year 2019-FY21 CCDF State Plan</u>, along with a plain language summary, is posted at the Michigan Department of Education, Child Development and Care website for your review and comments through May 25, 2018. This draft, along with instructions for submitting comments, is located at <u>www.michigan.gov/childcare</u> in the Partners section.

If you would like to make a comment on the draft CCDF Plan you can do so in the following ways:

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- Join us at the Michigan AEYC Conference in the Grand Gallery A, Main Level, at DeVos Place (303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503) for a **public hearing** from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018.
- Participate in one of two **webinars** that will be held to provide an overview of the CCDF State Plan and solicit comments:
  - On April 17 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register for this webinar at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5947844823526648579
  - On April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register for this webinar at <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6846380019396503299</u>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

- Share your feedback by participating in a survey, which will provide you an opportunity to comment on current policies and procedures. You can access the survey from March 23, 2018, to May 25, 2018, at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCDFstateplan2018">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCDFstateplan2018</a>.
- Submit written comments to the MDE Office of Great Start-Child Development and Care. Comments must be submitted prior to close of business on Friday, May 25, 2018, and can be submitted in any of the following ways:
  - By mail to the:
    - Office of Great Start-Child Development and Care P.O. Box 30008 Lansing, MI 48909
  - By fax to 517-241-8679
  - By email to <u>MDE-CDC-ADMIN@michigan.gov</u>

If you have questions about these opportunities, please contact Lisa Brewer Walraven at 517-241-9492 or at <u>brewer-walravenl@michigan.gov</u>. As always, your support and comments are appreciated.

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