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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2016

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent
Office of Great Start

SUBJECT: CCDF State Plan

Beginning FY2016, every three years states are required to complete a State Plan for the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) dollars received by the state to support low-income families with access to child care and improving the quality of child care.

On November 19, 2014, President Obama signed the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 into law. This reauthorizes the child care program for the first time since 1996 and makes important statutory changes focused on better balancing the dual purposes of CCDF. The new law 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.

A summary sheet is available for more detailed information on these changes that identifies specific sections and where to find these changes in the CCDF State Plan.

Public Hearing and Comment Information

A draft of the FY2016-18 CCDF Plan along with a summary document is posted at the MDE/Child Development and Care website for your review and comments through February 15, 2016. It is located at www.michigan.gov/childcare.

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

- Participate in one of three webinars that will be held to provide an overview of the CCDF State Plan and solicit comments:
 - On January 19, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register for this webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1823036829456115970>
 - On January 20, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Register for this webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7991248682767906562>
 - On January 21, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Register for this webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6236061987465369858>
- Join us at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, first floor Forum room located at 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, MI 48915 for a public hearing from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on January 19, 2016. This hearing will also be broadcast by webinar.
- Submit written comments to the MDE Office of Great Start-Child Development and Care. Comments must be submitted prior to close of business on Monday, February 15, 2016 and can be submitted in any of the following manners:
 - 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 MDE-CDC-ADMIN@michigan.gov

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Lisa Brewer Walraven at (517) 373-4116 or by e-mail at brewer-walravenl@michigan.gov. As always, the department appreciates your support and comments.

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