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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**February 17, 2016**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM  
FY 2016 - 2018 STATE PLAN**

The Nevada Division of Welfare & Supportive Services (DWSS) plans to hold a public hearing in Carson City and Las Vegas on February 17, 2016 via video-conference to obtain comment and input from interested persons on the Child Care and Development Program FY 2016-2018 State Plan. DWSS will have personnel at the hearing to discuss the proposed State Plan amendments and respond to questions on the same.

Date: February 17, 2016

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: DWSS  
Central Office  
1470 College Parkway  
Room 149  
Carson City, Nevada

DWSS  
Prof. Dev. Center  
701 N. Rancho Drive  
Training Room 5  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**AGENDA**

**\*I. Child Care and Development Program State Plan**

Federal regulation requires states to submit their Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan, in their entirety, on a triennial basis for review and approval. In October of 2014 the Child Care and Development Block Grant was reauthorized by Congress first the first time since 1996. As a result, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care has made significant changes to the plan. The plan has been redesigned to reflect the current status of individual states in the implementation of required changes and provide an overview of CCDF program requirements.

**II. General Public Comments**

\* Indicates items on which action may be taken at the Public Hearing.

**A copy of the State Plan and related documentation are available at [DWSS.nv.gov](http://DWSS.nv.gov). If you are unable to access these documents Please contact Kim Schlesener at 775 684-0504 or by e-mail**

at [kschlesener@dwss.nv.gov](mailto:kschlesener@dwss.nv.gov).

**Note:** Testimony and written materials submitted during the Public Hearing will be considered. Persons wishing to comment on the Child Care and Development Program State Plan may appear at the scheduled public hearing or address their comments in writing to:

**Administrator  
Nevada State Division of Welfare and Supportive Services  
1470 College Parkway  
Carson City, NV 89706**

**Written submissions should be received by February 12, 2016 to be given adequate time for copying and consideration at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to comment may also appear at the Public Hearing on February 17, 2016.**

A copy of this notice and the state plan/regulations/policy changes are available at the following locations for inspection and copying:

DWSS Central Office	1470 College Parkway	Carson City	89706
Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office	700 Belrose St.	Las Vegas	89158
Reno DWSS Office	4055 S. Virginia	Reno	89502
Elko DWSS Office	1020 Ruby Vista Dr. #101	Elko	89801

**MAILING DATE:**                      **January 15, 2016**

**PUBLIC HEARING POSTING LOCATIONS:**

Health Division	4150 Technology Way	Carson City
DWSS PDC	701 N. Rancho Drive	Las Vegas
DWSS Central Office	1470 College Parkway	Carson City
Elko DWSS Office	1020 Ruby Vista Drive, #101	Elko
Reno DWSS Office	4055 S. Virginia St.	Reno
Las Vegas Flamingo DWSS Office	3330 E. Flamingo, Suite 55	Las Vegas
Las Vegas Belrose DWSS Office	700 Belrose St.	Las Vegas

In addition, this notice is posted on the Division's web site at <http://dwss.nv.gov/>.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

Mailing a copy of the DWSS public hearing agenda to any person who has requested one will not be continued unless a request for reinstatement on the mailing list is made every six months. NRS 241.020.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Kim Schlesener at the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, 1470 College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada, 89706 or by calling (775) 684-0504 no later than five (5) working days before the public hearing.

*PROPOSED REGULATIONS*  
**CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**FY 2016 - 2018 STATE PLAN**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION**  
*February 17, 2016*

**Need and Purpose of Proposed Regulation**

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New CCDF State Plan sections include:

1. Define CCDF Leadership and Coordination with Relevant Systems: This section provides information on how the CCDF program is administered in Nevada. This includes defining the agency with decision making authority, consultation and coordination with other agencies, partnerships, and disaster preparedness and response activities.
2. Promote Family Engagement through Outreach and Consumer Education: This section provides information about program availability, financial assistance, and consumer and provider education.
3. Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families: this section provides information on eligibility, increasing access, protecting working parents, and family contribution.
4. Ensure Equal Access to High Quality Child Care for Low-Income Children: This section provides information about parental choice in choosing child care, assessing market and reimbursement rates, and building the supply of child care to meet the needs of certain populations.
5. Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings: This section provides information related to licensing and monitoring of child care centers and providers.
6. Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce: This section provides information related to professional development for early childhood professionals.
7. Support Continuous Quality Improvement: This section provides information on activities to improve the quality of child care services in Nevada.
8. Ensure Grantee Program Integrity and Accountability: This section provides information related to the monitoring of program funds.