



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. c. 15D, § 2 and in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 98.14(c), the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) is hereby giving notice that it will hold public hearings on the Commonwealth's proposed plan for the provision of early education and care services funded by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The plan describes EEC's proposal to use CCDF funds to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of early education and care services in Massachusetts. Public hearings on the CCDF Plan will be held in the EEC regional offices, as follows:

- **Lawrence, MA – May 21, 2013** at the EEC Northeast Regional Office located at 360 Merrimack Street, Building 9, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- **Quincy, MA – May 22, 2013** at the EEC Metro Boston Regional Office located at 1250 Hancock Street, Suite 120-S from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Worcester, MA - May 23, 2013** at the EEC Central MA Regional Office located at 10 Austin Street from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Individuals wishing to provide public comment on the CCDF Plan are requested to provide a written copy of their oral testimony to EEC either prior to testifying or at the time of their presentation. Directions to EEC's offices are available on EEC's website. Please note that the Board of Early Education and Care (Board) is expected to vote to approve the draft plan for purposes of soliciting public comment at its May 14, 2013 meeting. Following approval by the Board, the draft plan will be available on EEC's website at [www.mass.gov/eec](http://www.mass.gov/eec). In addition, hard copies of the proposed plan will be available in EEC's central office at 51 Sleeper Street, Fourth Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02210 and in each of EEC's regional offices.

Board approval of the final CCDF Plan will be an agenda item for the June 11, 2013 Board Meeting. The Board makes up to 30 minutes available for persons in the audience to address specific agenda items. In order to hear as many speakers as possible, the Board limits individuals to 3 minutes, although written material of any length can be submitted. The Board asks associations or groups to select only one speaker to represent the organization. Those wishing to speak should indicate their intent by filling out the sign-in sheet that will be available during the half-hour prior to the start of the meeting.

Written comments are also encouraged and may be sent via e-mail to the following address: [eec.ccdfplan@massmail.state.ma.us](mailto:eec.ccdfplan@massmail.state.ma.us). Parties that are unable to submit comments electronically should mail them to:

Department of Early Education and Care  
Attn: Thomas Weierman, Assistant General Counsel  
51 Sleeper Street, Fourth Floor  
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***All written comments, whether electronic or hard copy, must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2013.***