

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations and Notice of Public Hearing

The Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services, pursuant to Section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, hereby gives notice of his intent to amend Sections 17a-248-1 to 17a-248-14, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Statement of Purpose: Public Act 09-3 of the September 2009 Special Session of the Connecticut General Assembly requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to amend the Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers and Their Families (aka "Birth to Three") regulations (Sections 17a-248-1 to 17a-248-14, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies) to: (1) increase fees certain families pay to participate in the Birth to Three program by 60% and (2) eliminate the two months of service following enrollment that, by regulation, are currently provided without a fee. In addition to the required amendments pursuant to Public Act 09-3 of the September 2009 Special Session, technical changes to the Birth to Three regulations are being proposed including adopting the definition of "parent" that is used in the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and changes reflecting the move from a regional Birth to Three system to a centralized Birth to Three system.

Copies of the proposed, amended regulations are available on the Birth to Three website www.birth23.org under "What's New" and on the DDS website www.ct.gov/dds. Also, they may be obtained from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), 460 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 ATTN: Rod O'Connor; by calling Rod O'Connor at (860) 418-6130; or by e-mailing rod.oconnor@ct.gov.

Public hearings concerning the proposed, amended regulations will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106. Directions to the Legislative Office Building may be found at <http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/DrivingDirections.asp>

Persons wishing to sign-up for the 2:00 p.m. public hearing may do so beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Legislative Office Building. Persons wishing to sign-up for the 5:00 p.m. public hearing may do so beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Legislative Office Building. Persons testifying at the public hearings will be called in order of sign-up and will have three minutes in which to testify. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with DDS.

Persons wishing to present their views and comments regarding the proposed, amended regulations are invited to do so in writing by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2009. Written comments regarding the proposed, amended regulations may be sent to the

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ATTN: Rod O'Connor, Legislative and Regulations Analyst; may be e-mailed to rod.oconnor@ct.gov or may be submitted at either of the public hearings. Written, oral or e-mailed comments received by the November 20, 2009 deadline will be considered by DDS and may result in modifications to the proposed, amended Birth to Three regulations.

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Commissioner