

**Public Forums/Hearings**  
**Child Care and Development Fund Plan (CCDF) Plan**  
**&**  
**Proposed Office of Early Childhood**  
**FFY 2014-2015 Goals and Reporting for the next Biennium**

The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), in collaboration with the Governor's Early Childhood Planning Office, the Early Childhood Education Cabinet and the state's Child Day Care Council, will convene public forums/hearings to provide Connecticut parents, service providers, advocates and other interested parties, an opportunity to comment on child care services in Connecticut. Public participation is encouraged.

We will provide opportunity for attendees to discuss and review two critical topics at the public forums/hearings:

1. The proposed Office of Early Childhood
2. Connecticut's draft Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) draft Plan for federal fiscal year 2014 and 2015

**Public Hearing Schedule**

- **Hamden – Thursday, May 16, 2013 –5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at Connecticut Charts-A-Course, Training and Conference Room, 2321 Whitney Avenue, Building 2, Suite 501, Hamden, CT 06518
- **Middletown – Thursday, May 30, 2013 –11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Connecticut State Department of Education, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457. (Public Hearing will be held immediately following the Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet meeting)

Families and providers will have the opportunity to comment on the future of child care services at the hearings. The state is preparing a comprehensive child care plan to access federal funds and guide programs and services over the next two years.

The draft CCDF plan will be available to review on or after April 24<sup>th</sup> by visiting the Department of Social Services website at <http://www.ct.gov/dss>. Comments can be submitted via e-mail through June 10, 2013, or in person at one of the public hearings.

The state uses federal child care funds to support the child care needs of limited-income families and professional needs of child care providers. The child care plan presents various strategies to work with state and local partners to increase professional development opportunities, early learning standards, wage enhancements and other services to support the child care field.

The public can also get further information by calling the Department of Social Services' Child Care Team at 1-800-811-6141 (press option 6).