

## CHILD CARE SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT – PUBLIC HEARINGS

The state is preparing a comprehensive child care plan to access federal funds, including the new child care stimulus funds for programs and services over the next two years. The Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) Family Services & Child Care Team\*, in collaboration with the State Child Day Care Council is convening three public hearings to provide Connecticut residents an opportunity to comment on child care services in Connecticut. DSS must prepare the state's Child Care Plan to access federal funds. The plan must be submitted to Washington, D.C. by July 1, 2009. Your participation in this process is welcomed.

Please share this schedule with others and encourage their involvement.

The draft plan will be available after May 11, 2009 on the DSS web site [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss)  
Go to Publications and click on *CT Draft Federal Plan 2009-2011*.

To submit written comments: send email to [julie.bisi@ct.gov](mailto:julie.bisi@ct.gov) or mail to ATTN: Child Care Division – CCDF Plan, Connecticut Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106, no later than June 8, 2009.

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	MEETING SPONSOR / LOCATION	ADDRESS
<b>NEW HAVEN</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 13, 2009</b>	<b>4:00 – 7:00 PM</b>	LULAC Head Start	250 Cedar Street, New Haven (203) 777-4006
<b>NORWICH</b>	<b>Monday, May 18, 2009</b>	<b>4:00 – 7:00 PM</b>	Southeastern Mental Health Authority (SMHA)	Uncas on Thames Campus 401 West Thames St., Bldg 301 Norwich (860) 859-4500
<b>NEW BRITAIN</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2009</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 PM</b>	“New Initiatives That Help Connecticut Babies and Toddlers Grow and Develop” Research and Education Center for the Hospital for Special Care	370 Osgood Avenue (corner of Corbin), In the Auditorium, New Britain (860) 223-2761

\* The DSS Family Services & Child Care Team is prepared to answer questions concerning this information. Reach them by calling in-state toll-free 1-800-811-6141 and press 6 at any time during the message to be connected or (860) 424-5598 from within the local calling area or from out of state.