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Re: Chapter 168 Child Care final form regulation # 14-505 (#2549)

Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commissioners:

We would like to convey our full support for the adoption of the Chapter 168 Child Care final-form regulation. This regulation will allow CCIS agencies to provide all child care subsidy payments, requires a vendor pay system which reimburses providers rather than parents, and aligns child care policies consistent with those currently used by CCIS agencies. This will enable more efficient operation of the child care subsidy payment system, which will support the stability of our business of providing quality early care and education for young children.

We understand that this regulation was withdrawn by the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), and will be resubmitted with elimination of the certificate of compliance conflict. In addition, DPW has restated this regulation does not seek to oversee program, curriculum, teaching or instruction. Therefore, our full support of the unification regulation is unchanged.

For years the Provider Committee of the SEPA Early Childhood Coalition has advocated that processing for child care subsidy payments be centralized to avoid the problems that result from transfer between agencies. We are glad to support this becoming a reality, and look forward to continuing to work together to improve the efficiency of the child care system.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Thompson-Friend, Childspace CDI (Co-Chair)
Maria Pleasant, Pleasant House Day Care (Co-Chair)
Kim Worley, Columbia North YMCA
Juanita Medina, Mi Familia Child Care
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Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2006 2:34 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Child Care Regulations

Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commission,

Thank you for considering our comments on child care regulations that will be considered by your Commission. These regulations will have a direct impact on our businesses, and thereby the children in our care.

On behalf of the Providers Committee,

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