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Mr. Robert Frein
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July 17, 2006

Dear Mr. Frein:

As an Administrator for an Early Childhood Program which provides child care to low income families, I am fully supportive of the Proposed Amendments to TANF regulations, Chapter 168, Child Care--Regulation 14-505.

For many years I have seen the disruption caused to families because of the dual system for obtaining child care services.

The proposed regulation will accomplish the following:

- It will give the Office of Child Development the authority to manage child care
- Child Care Services will be provided at CCIS agencies, not at the County Assistance Offices
- Enrollment and payment for TANF families will be through the CCIS agencies
- Provider policies will be aligned
- TANF families will receive increased Resource and Referral services and receive more information on how to choose quality child care

If this proposed regulation is enacted there will be multiple benefits both to children and their families. It is a major positive step in providing improved child care services.

Sincerely,

Judith Graziano
President
Northeastern Child Care Services

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