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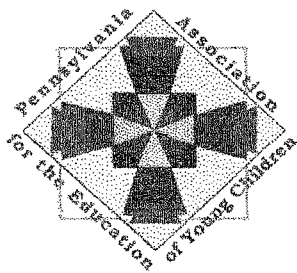
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Ms. Dorris,

Please find the attached comments on Regulation No. 14-519 from the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children. Thank you.

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Re: Comments Regulation No. 14-519

July 23, 2010

Dear Ms. Dorris,

The Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC) is a non-profit membership organization of over 5,500 individuals that has been serving the early childhood community in the state of Pennsylvania since 1983. Our vision is that every child in Pennsylvania has the equal opportunity to be a successful, responsible and productive member of society as a result of quality early childhood experiences. As the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) we operate with the mission to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children.

PennAEYC board of directors supports the gradual increase of annual training hours for child care staff as increasing professional development requirements benefits both the providers of service and the children they serve. The fact that the increase is implemented gradually will help individuals and facilities plan for the economic and logistical impact associated with these increased hours.

We do have a concern around the specification that training must be received from persons or organizations that are certified through the existing Pennsylvania Quality Assurance System (PQAS). Our concern stems from the inadequate number of PQAS approved trainers at present and whether or not enough approved trainers can be added to provide the necessary number of trainings required to meet this proposed regulations. We are also concerned about our members living in rural areas, who see the most difficulty in accessing trainers and trainings as the pool is much smaller in those geographic areas. In addition, if the new administration does not agree with the current PQAS system and creates another, how might that impact the regulations if approved as proposed?

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and PennAEYC would like to continue be considered a partner in planning the execution of strategies designed to improve our professional development system.

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