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Subject: Comments on Child Care Regulations
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Good Morning,

Attached are comments on behalf of KinderCare Education regarding the proposed Child Care Regulations. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

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Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Submitted via: E-Mail

RE: 55 Pennsylvania Code Chapter 3270, Child Care Centers

KinderCare Education supports the proposed increase in the annual number of professional development hours required for all child care staff from six (6) to twelve (12) hours.

We agree that an update to the professional development requirements is long overdue; the current requirement of six hours annually is inadequate to cover even basic health and safety topics. Further, we join in the Commonwealth's commitment to quality by aligning the child care licensing professional development standard with the Keystone Stars Quality program.

KinderCare Education strongly supports the Department's decision to apply the increased professional development hours to all child care providers, regardless of participation in CCDF. While approximately 35% of the 10,000 children we serve in Pennsylvania are from hardworking families who receive assistance through Child Care Works, we understand and embrace the responsibility of providing high quality care to 100% of the children in our centers. The Commonwealth owes the same consideration to all children in all child care programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in response to these proposed regulations. If we can be of further support in the development of annual training hour components, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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