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To Whom it May Concern,

I am emailing today to discuss a contradicting issue with CCW and how the regulations are more of an issue then a solution for working parents. We are a large non-profit child care that has 30 different locations within the Lehigh Valley. Our number one goal is to provide quality child care for children and families. To make this goal possible we have added extensive resources and supports for all of our families that we service. At this point we service 49% CCW funded parents along with a number of parents still on the waitlist. We fund these parents with our own scholarship funds along with United Ways help. We service over 1400 children and have over 200 staff within our agency.

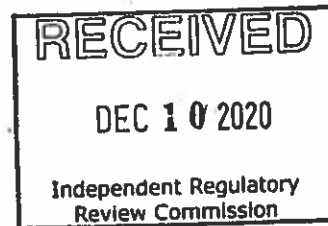
Recently one of our new directors were notified that she would be unable to receive CCW funding because her child went to the center she directed at. Because we are a large corporation we understand the regulation that a legal entity or their director that oversees the program cannot have their children in that program. We opted to help her out, and find another option for her so she can still be the center director and continue to further her career within the early education and child care field. Although because of the contradicting regulations where if an owner operator or legal entity has space in their program then the child must go to their program and cannot receive funding seems a bit unfair for working parents in the child care field. Basically this is how I am vlewing the entire situation, and I feel this is the complete opposite of what we want to project out in the community.

Single mother working in the child care field going to school to try and become a director.
 Finally gets her master's degree and gets a promotion.
 Has CCW taken away from her, and cannot be in the director position because she has no option for child care.

To me this is the exact opposite of what CCW should be standing for. To put into terms of the regulation I think we should be looking at families of who are working in the system to better themselves, but not take away the needed funding so they can continue to work, and be successful in the field.

Thank you for your time with this matter.

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