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Division: Services &
Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) for Early Childhood Development
Programs

ATTACHMENTS: RFP

Budget Summary and Board of Directors Profile forms.
(attachments are available on-line)

This LCM announces the Department's Early Childhood Development Programs Request for Proposals (RFP).

Funding opportunities are being offered for early childhood development programs and other programs related to child care services. Depending on the enactment of the SFY 1996/97 budget and anticipated receipt of federal funds in the fall of 1996, approximately \$5.5 million will be available to support the following initiatives: 1. Health and Safety Grants for Child Day Care Centers; 2. Child Care Predevelopment Planning Grants; 3. Start Up and Health and Safety Grants for Family and Group Family Day Care Homes; 4. Early Childhood Development Program Start-Up Grants for School-Age Child Care Programs and All Day Early Childhood Development Programs Operated by Child Day Care Centers

The release of this RFP reinforces the Department's commitment to building a sufficient child care capacity to respond to the demands of welfare reform.

Any questions related to the Early Childhood Development Programs should be directed to Lola Cole of the Bureau of Early Childhood Services at (518) 474-9883. Additional copies of the RFP can be obtained by calling Kathy Aunkst at (518) 474-9615.

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