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LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 11, 1997

Division: Services and
Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan: Notice of Public Hearings

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum is to notify social services districts that the Department will hold three public hearings in regard to the development of New York State's multi-year plan to be eligible to receive assistance under Section 418(a) of the Social Security Act and the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 as amended, known as the Child Care Development Fund. This plan will cover the period of October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1999.

The purpose of this federal block grant program is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of child day care services. Upon approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services of a State Plan, federal funds will be available to New York State for subsidies for child day care services to low income families. Funding also will be available for improving the quality of child day care services and increasing the availability of early childhood development programs and before and after school services.

Pursuant to Section 658D(b)(1)(c) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act, the public is invited to provide input to the development of the Plan. Specific areas for comment include: (a) program priorities for child day care; (b) funding distribution priorities; and (c) suggested avenues for local input in shaping the State's child day care agenda.

Persons interested in submitting oral testimony during the public hearings must send written testimony in advance to Suzanne Zafonte Sennett, New York State Department of Social Services, Bureau of Early Childhood Services, 40 North Pearl Street - 11B, Albany, New York 12243. Such testimony is limited to ten minutes in length and must be received by the Department by April 28, 1997. Persons interested only in submitting written comments must submit such comments by May 9, 1997.

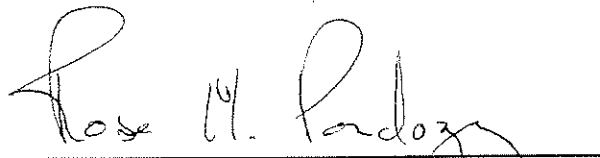
The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Date: May 1, 1997
Time: 10 AM - 1 PM
Place: Rochester City Hall
City Council Chambers
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York

Date: May 5, 1997
Time: 10 AM - 1 PM
Place: Meeting Room #5
Convention Center
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York

Date: May 7, 1997
Time: 1 PM - 4 PM
Place: Fashion Institute of Technology
Amphitheater
7th Avenue at 27th Street
Manhattan

Questions regarding these hearings may be directed to Suzanne Zafonte Sennett, Director of the Bureau of Early Childhood Services at (518) 474-9324 or on-line Userid AW1160.



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