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Public Hearing Scheduled for the State's Proposed Child Care and Development Fund Plan

WHAT: The Tennessee Department of Human Services will conduct three (3) public hearings to receive comments on the state's proposed Child Care and Development Fund plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for funding the Federal Fiscal Year 2016-2018.

The Child Care and Development Fund provides funding to state programs that offer assistance to families with low-income through subsidized child care, activities and services to improve the quality and availability of child care, and the regulation of child care agencies throughout the state. Services are provided either directly by the state or through contracts with local governments and non-profit agencies.

WHEN: Thursday, January 14, 2016 at three regional locations (*please note time zones*):
6:30-7:30 p.m. (CST) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (CST) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (EST)

WHERE:

Citizens Plaza Building Tennessee River Room 2 nd Floor 400 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37243	One Commerce Square Training Room 1 5 th Floor 40 South Main Memphis, TN 38103	DHS Office Building Excellence Room Suite # 200 2700 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville, TN 37921
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HEARING OFFICER: Nicole Armstrong Telesa Taylor Paul Helton

MORE: Information concerning the hearings, or requests for copies of the proposed plan, should be addressed to Dr. Katari Coleman, Director of Child Care Services, or David Shirk, Coordinator II, Tennessee Department of Human Services, 400 Deaderick Street, 8th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. Or send e-mail to: Katari.Coleman@tn.gov or David.Shirk@tn.gov

Comments on the proposal will be accepted until 8:00 p.m. CST on January 14, 2016 by either letter or e-mail at ChildCareServices.DHS@tn.gov. The draft proposal will be available prior to the date of the public hearings at: <http://tn.gov/humanservices/topic/child-care-services>

Any individual with a disability who wishes to participate in this public hearing should contact DHS in person, in writing, or by telephone at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation.

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