

## Child Care Services Daily Update - October 30, 2020

The Tennessee Department of Human Services is committed to supporting child care agencies in providing programs that are safe, healthy and educationally rich. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges over the past several months and many opportunities to approach the delivery of services in different ways. Thank you for remaining flexible and attentive to health and safety protections, while also remaining responsive to family needs.

## **Department of Human Services News**

You may have seen the news that Department of Human Services Commissioner Danielle Barnes is leaving her role in state government. Here is a link to the DHS announcement about her transition. <a href="https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/news/2020/10/27/danielle-w--barnes-announces-departure-as-department-of-human-services-commissioner.html">https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/news/2020/10/27/danielle-w--barnes-announces-departure-as-department-of-human-services-commissioner.html</a>

Of course, Commissioner Barnes has been a tremendous leader and advocate for transformation of child care services at DHS. She understands how important child care is to families, employers, and communities. She has wholeheartedly supported our work to promote early childhood environments that are safe, healthy, and educationally rich.

For child care, we will continue to move forward with plans to improve quality, increase access, and strengthen business efficiency. We have made incredible progress and will continue that positive forward momentum. Thank you for your important role in serving Tennessee families.