PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCING A PUBLIC HEARING TO ELICIT TESTIMONY FOR THE PROPOSED CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND STATE PLAN:

TAKE NOTICE that on March 21, 2016, the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development is conducting a public hearing to gather testimony on the draft Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for New Jersey for Federal Fiscal Years 2016-2018.

The Division of Family Development is providing a 20 day public review and comment period prior to the public hearing. The public hearing is a part of the required public review process, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, 45 C.F.R. §98.14 (c). Division staff will give a brief presentation of the plan and be available to hear comments regarding the State Plan. The hearing will occur as follows:

DATE: March 21, 2016 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Presentations at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.) PLACE: Mercer County Library – Ewing Branch 61 Scotch Road Ewing, NJ 08628

A brief introduction to the State Plan will occur at 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

You can obtain a copy of the draft Child Care Development Fund State Plan by contacting your local county Child Care Resource and Referral Agency or online by accessing the Department of Human Services website at: <u>http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/providers/grants/public/</u>

Individuals interested in providing testimony may reserve a time by calling the Division of Family Development, Office of Child Care Operations, at 609-588-2163, any time before the date of the hearing. Please provide your name, organization (if applicable), and telephone number. We request that remarks be limited to no more than five minutes. Individuals who do not register will be allowed to testify between registered attendees. Written testimony will be accepted at the hearing.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments are welcome and can be submitted no later than March 20, 2016 to:

Division of Family Development Office of Policy and Standards Development P.O. Box 716 Trenton, NJ 08625-0716 Attn: Stephanie Murray Or via e-mail to: DFD.OPSD@dhs.state.nj.us

Should anyone need, or be aware of an individual(s) wishing to attend who require(s) special accommodations, please contact the Office of Policy and Standards Development at 609-588-2440 or DFD.OPSD@dhs.state.nj.us to discuss.