

March 23, 2016

Cynthia Dungey, Director
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
30 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

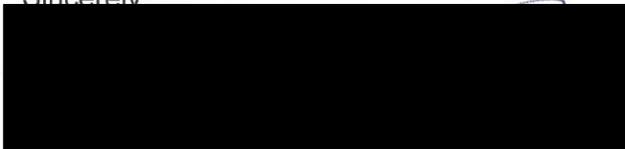
Dear Director Dungey:

We appreciate the opportunity through the Child Care Advisory Council (CCAC) to offer recommendations and assistance to the Office of Family Assistance on matters affecting the availability, affordability, and quality of early care and education.

On March 16, 2016, the CCAC agreed to make the following recommendation by unanimous vote:

It is the recommendation of the Child Care Advisory Council that the Quality Achievement Award be maintained going forward to that all child care providers are incentivized to participate in the Step Up to Quality program. This program has had a significant impact on improving child care in Ohio by better-preparing children for success in Kindergarten. It is the opinion and recommendation of the Child Care Advisory Council that the elimination of the Quality Achievement Award would negatively impact the care and education of young children in Ohio.

Sincerely,

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Pamela M. Perrino, Chair
Ohio Child Care Advisory Council