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Dear Child Care Provider:

Ohio Kids Need Your Help!

WE ALL WANT THE BEST FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY. SOON YOU WILL GET A CHANCE TO DIRECTLY INFLUENCE THE RATES ODJFS PAYS FOR CHILD CARE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

In a few days you will receive a questionnaire asking for your current enrollments and private child care rates. Information you provide about your enrollments and rates will help us gauge the demand for subsidized services and set subsidy rates for children of low-income families.

We are asking all providers (licensed centers, type A home providers, certified Type B home providers and registered home providers) to complete this questionnaire regardless of whether you provide subsidized care or not. Completing the questionnaire will not require you to participate in the subsidized care program.

Our goal is to provide a high level of care for ALL children. Your participation in this survey is vital to ensure subsidized rates set by ODJFS are a true representation of the current market.

ODJFS has contracted the Statistical Consulting Service at the Ohio State University to conduct the survey. **Your responses to the survey will be used to help determine ODJFS' subsidized rates, but only a summary of the responses will be sent to ODJFS (not your individual responses).** To ensure confidentiality, all names and addresses will be removed from the questionnaire when it is received by OSU.

If you are no longer providing child care services, please write "NA" on the questionnaire and return it to us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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